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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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### Bulletin

#### **Our Mission:**

*“Building relationships of Justice, Faith and Hospitality to bring God’s love to all people.”*

**December 2, 2018**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**9:00 am**

#### **Thought for the day**

*“Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.”*

-Stephen Hawking

#### **\*Gathering Songs**

*“Gather Us In”*

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

UMH 211, Vs. 1 & 2

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Beckie Henselmeier

#### **\*Advent Candle Lighting Song**

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

UMH 206, Vs. 1 & 2

#### **\*Lighting the Advent Candle**

-The Chappell Family

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Each week we will light a candle of the Advent wreath in anticipation of the coming Christ. (*Light the first candle.*)

This morning, as we light the first candle, we celebrate the wonder of the season like children on Christmas morning—with eyes wide open and hearts full of hope.

**And like Jesus, we say, “Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to them”.**

We celebrate the wonder of the star placed high above Bethlehem, sent as a sign from God to announce the fulfillment of God’s promise—the birth of Immanuel, God with us.

**Today we have hope in knowing that Jesus is the answer for our deepest needs. Amen!**

#### **\*Invocation**

**Holy Source of life and hope, everything changes now. Open our ears to hear and eyes to see the joy that is before us. Help us grow in love and gratitude for the beauty of all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us from false gods to You. It is the season of the Child! Amen!**

#### **Children dismissed to Sunday School**

*They will return to the sanctuary following the sermon to receive communion with you as a family.*



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### Song of Joy

*“All Who Hunger”*

### Scripture

*Jeremiah 33:14-16 in the Old Testament*

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us.  
For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

### Community Prayer

Teacher of Truth, we long for an easy way into your promised world. You warned us there was no easy path, but why is it this hard? We are afraid of the days to come and the stress of December. Cast out our fear, turn us toward justice. Cast out our cynicism, turn us toward hope. Bring up the lights of joy that fill us with excitement. We pray for the child, who travels with parents to bring us new life. We pray for the migrant, who follows the star, to offer restoration. You set the stage for the coming of Jesus and here we begin that wait. Amen.

### Prayer Song

*“Star-Child”*

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Special Music

*“Manha De Carnaval” (Luis Bonfá)*

Praise Band

### Scripture

*Matthew 2:1-12 in the New Testament*

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### Message

*“The Wonder of a Star”*

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### Offering our Gifts



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### **\*Song of Blessing (Doxology)**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Giver of all good things, as we offer these gifts to you, open our eyes to see more clearly all that we have been given and all that we have to give. Stretch our capacity to give of ourselves: our love, our companionship, and our material resources, wherever they are needed. Amen.**

### **Song before Communion**

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

### **Holy Communion with the Great Thanksgiving *UMH 15-16***

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. We receive communion by coming forward, taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate that to your usher, and communion will be brought to you. We use unfermented juice so all people may receive.

### **Song of Sending**

*“Forever”*

### **\*Benediction**

*Please remain in your pew while Pastor(s) recess to the greeting door.*

### **\*Postlude**

Praise Band

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*Please keep the aisles clear for safety and fire code enforcement. Wheelchair seating is available; please speak to an usher. Thank you.*



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### ***This Sunday...***

\*Liturgist: Charlotte/Alfred Chappell; Acolyte(s): Indiana and Christian; Video Tech: Robbie Pierce; and Sound Tech: Ed Simpson. \*Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

### ***Next Sunday...***

Video Tech: Phil Biggs, Christian Guffey

Sound Tech: Beth Brainerd Hallock

Liturgist: Scott Lyons

Acolyte(s): Kingsley, Leah

*Praise Band features Greg Rye, Roy Good and Jimmy Patton.*

*Note: Eric Foster will be playing today instead of Jimmy Patton.*