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Bulletin

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Our Mission:

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

December 2, 2018 1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“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

PRELUDE *“Christmastime is Here”* (Vince Guaraldi) -Adam Ferrara

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Rev. Frank Hallock

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG** -UMH 206, Vs. 1 & 2
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

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!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God’s call in the days to come.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* -UMH 211

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Jeremiah 33:14-16 in the Old Testament* -Diane Biggs

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.



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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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.

HYMN

“Star-Child”

-FWS 2095

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

-UMH 895

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.

ANTHEM

“O Love” (Elaine Hagenberg)

-Chancel Choir

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THE MESSAGE

“The Wonder of a Star”

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

-Adam Ferrara

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

-UMH 94

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.



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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

-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.

Hymns during Communion

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

-UMH 216

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

-UMH 196

GOING FORTH

*HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

-UMH 230

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Linus and Lucy" (Vince Guaraldi)

-Adam Ferrara

**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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Please complete the registration card found in the pew pocket and place in the offering. Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.



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