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Bulletin

Our Mission:

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

December 9, 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 am

Thought for the day

“Fear of a name increases fear of the thing itself.” -J.K. Rowling

***Gathering Songs**

“People Look East”

“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

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 Bowlin Family

Today is the second Sunday in the season of Advent. In anticipation of the coming Christ, each week we light another candle of our Advent wreath. (*Light the second candle, followed by the candle lit previously.*)

This morning we light the second candle, and, like Mary, we wait for the Christ child. **We celebrate all that God has already done, and we say, “My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”.** We reflect on the wonder of the precious name of Jesus, our Savior and Prince of Peace. **Today we have peace in knowing that Jesus is the God who saves. Amen!**

***Invocation**

We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Song of Joy

“Love Came Down at Christmas”



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Scripture

Luke 1:26-33 in the New 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.**

Time with Students

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.

Song Before Prayer

“Until Jesus Comes”

Community Prayer

God, your name is wonderful and full of mercy. As we open our hearts and spirits to you, help us to hear you. We are pushed to make preparations for a season, which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time. Cause us to look for people in need and reach out. In helping others, we see you more clearly, and feel your true offering of peace. Amen.

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

“Christmas Time Is Here” (Mendelson/Guaraldi)

Praise Band

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25 in the New 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.**

Message

“The Wonder of a Name”

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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Offering our Gifts

***Song of Blessing (Doxology)**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Offertory Prayer**

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. Amen.

Song of Sending

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

***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: Scott Lyons; Acolyte(s): Kingsley, Leah; Video Tech: Phil Biggs and Christian Guffey; and Sound Tech: Suzanne McMurchie and Indy. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next Sunday...

Video Tech: Rob Smith
Sound Tech: Trent Hamlin
Liturgist: Martha Treutle
Acolyte(s): Stella

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

Flowers are given by Ranae Mathias in honor of Al's 60th birthday on Dec. 10.