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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 9, 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 am

SILENT MEDITATION

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

-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 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!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The messenger of God’s holy covenant is coming!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

The messenger comes to prepare the way before us!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Who can endure, who can stand when the Lord appears?

Prepare the way of the Lord!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN**

“People, Look East”

-UMH 202

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 1:26-33 in the New Testament*

-Loretta Pierce

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

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.

HYMN

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

-UMH 242

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

“Psalm 8 (Adonai, Adonenu)” (Dan Forrest)

-Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 1:18-25 in the New Testament*

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

People: **Praise be to God.**

THE MESSAGE

“The Wonder of a Name”

-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

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.



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GOING FORTH

***HYMN**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

-UMH 251

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sleigh Ride” (Leroy Anderson)

-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.

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