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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 16, 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**9:00 am**

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

*“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.” -Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

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

*“Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH 238*

*“Away in a Manger” UMH 217*

#### **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**

Today is the third Sunday in the season of Advent. In anticipation of the coming Christ, each week we light another candle of our Advent wreath.

This morning we light the third candle, and, like the shepherds, we watch for signs of the Messiah’s birth. **We celebrate the good news that was proclaimed for all people, saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”** We reflect on the wonder of the manger, which represents God’s rescue mission to come and save us—his beloved children. **Today we celebrate the love that sent Jesus to be born in a humble manger.**

#### **\*Invocation**

**Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

#### **Scripture**

*Philippians 4:4-7 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.**



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### **Special Music**

Blakeslee Chimes

*“Birthday of a King”*

Ringers and Singers

*“Away in the Manger”*

Sunday School Students

### **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.

### **Community Prayer**

God of Holy-Giving, there are ribbons and bows and bags everywhere. The lights are sparkly and the decorations are lovely. It is a time of seasonal joy but help us to see beyond the man-made tinsel and claim the gifts you bring. Help us to look around the chocolates and sugar treats and see the bread of eternity that you provide. Lighten our burdens of expectation and let us rejoice in the wondrous things that you have done. To you we relinquish the wounds of our past and move toward the hope we have for our future. Thanks be to you for the love of a baby and the blessing of this new life. 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**

*“Linus and Lucy”* (Vince Guaraldi)

Praise Band

### **Scripture**

*Luke 2:1-20 in the New Testament*

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### **Message**

*“The Wonder of a Manger”*

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### **Offering our Gifts**

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

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

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**God, your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.**

#### **Song of Sending**

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240*

#### **\*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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### **PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

**Senior Pastor**                      **Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw**  
**Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation**  
   **Rev. Frank Hallock**  
**Dir. of Family Ministries**        **Beckie Henselmeier**  
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   **Adam Ferrara**  
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### ***This Sunday...***

\*Liturgist: Martha Treutle; Acolyte(s): Stella; Video Tech: Rob Smith; and Sound Tech: Trent Hamlin.

\*Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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

***Flowers are given with love and appreciation to Larry and Lenore Averell.***