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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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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 16, 2018    3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent    11:00 am**

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

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

#### **GATHERING**

##### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Birthday of a King”*

-Ringers and Singers

*“Away in the Manger”*

-Sunday School Students

##### **PRELUDE**

*“Silent Night” (Dan Coates)*

-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 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.**

##### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Good friends, Rejoice. God is with you.

**Even though we are imperfect and too often have turned our backs on God,  
still God is with us.**

God’s love is forever. You are beloved.

**Even when we behave in ways which are contrary to what God would have us do.**

God forgives and loves you and seeks your well-being.

**Praise be to God for such wondrous love. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

##### **\*HYMN**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

-UMH 238



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**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Philippians 4:4-7 in the New Testament*

-Ray Coast

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.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### 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.

#### HYMN

*"The First Noel"*

-UMH 245

#### 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

*"Christ Is Born!"* (Frank Hallock)

-Chancel Choir

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#### THE MESSAGE

*"The Wonder of a Manger"*

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### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory**                                    *“Away in a Manger”* (Joseph M. Martin)                                    -Adam Ferrara  
**\*Doxology**                                    *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*                                    -UMH 94

#### 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.**

### GOING FORTH

**\*HYMN**    *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*    -UMH 240

#### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                                    *“Christmas Is Coming”* (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.*

*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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Today: Video Tech: Rob Smith; Sound Tech: Beth Brainerd Hallock; and Acolyte(s): Sarah

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