



United Methodist Church of Vista

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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

December 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Advent

Please be aware: For best conservation and stewardship practice, the worship bulletin will not be printed from the office. The order of Worship and weekly information will be on the screens, and continue to be emailed for your use.

Gathering

Gathering Music

“VII – Gloria (Angels We Have Heard on High)”

Words: Robin Dinda

Adam Ferrara, Organ

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Blakeslee Chimes

“Ringers and Singers Theme Song”

“I’m Gonna Sing”

Words & Music: Afro-American Spiritual, Arr. Carol Pence, 2021

Ringers and Singers

Advent Candle Lighting tune

“The First Noel” UMH 245

Words and Music: Trad. English Carol

Adam Ferrara

Advent Candle Lighting with the Lyons Family

Watch and wait for Christ’s coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle for hope.

We light this candle for peace.

We light this candle for joy.

The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.’”

O Lord, our redeemer, you lead us from languishing in sorrow’s shadows into laughter’s joy over your abundant restoration. Thank you that you are coming for us to lead us home along your Way, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Song of Welcome

“Away in a Manger”

Words: Trad. Carol

Music: James R. Murray

Praise Band

***Children’s Time** (and released to Sunday School) with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Lyn Berry

Isaiah 35:1-10 and Luke 1:47-55 (NRSV)

Proclamation of the Word

Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message

What the Joy!

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

“Love Came Down at Christmas” UMH 242

Words: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by David Evans

Praise Band

Community Prayer with Lord’s Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Source of compassion and grace, we yearn to embody the joy of your salvation, but we are easily distracted by the demands of the season; we long to taste the wellspring of your mercy, but we are caught up in the frenzy of the holidays. Be our quiet center, that we may find your joy deep within. Be our secret heart, that we may live lives of love wherever we go. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

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.

Response to the Word

Special Music

“Skating”

Music: Vince Guaraldi

Praise Band



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***Call to Offering and Action:** Caring and Sharing with Beth B. Hallock

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

God who gives all gifts, in this season, we focus so much on buying and giving gifts to one another. Help us, we pray, to learn the lessons of faith that we might bear fruit worthy of the repentance that is at the heart of this season. Help us, we pray, that we may learn to deny ourselves so that others who have little will have enough. In response to you, we give our financial offerings and our action. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

Words: James Montgomery

Music: Henry T. Smart

Praise Band

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Postlude

Praise Band

****Please wait to leave until the pastors have recessed.**

Please keep the aisles clear for safety and fire code enforcement. Wheelchair seating is available; please speak to an usher.

Reminder: Please turn off the sound on your cell phone during worship so that others can enjoy and stay focused on worship. Thank you.

Partners in Ministry: Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw and Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation, Rev. Frank Hallock



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Announcements

The **Call to Offering and Action** highlights our response to God’s love through our action, service and financial support. Each week we pray for a community partner, special project and/or people who are making a difference in our community and world. The United Methodist Church and this local congregation live our faith through our giving in many ways. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you.

Our **Call to Offering and Action** today is Caring and Sharing. Working with our community partner, North County Lifeline, our congregation provides families in need with holiday cheer and fulfilling special wishes that only the hope of Christmas brings.



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A **Christmas family event** planned by our Youth Group is happening today following our worship service (till 1:30 pm) in Fellowship Hall. All families are invited. A fun activity and some games are planned for all families with young people to participate in together. Pizza will be provided! Please contact Colleen or Margene for questions.

Christmas Caroling today at 2:00 p.m.! Please join us in this wonderful holiday tradition. It is heart-warming, fun and filled with Christmas spirit for the homebound we visit and for us, the carolers. We will meet first downstairs in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Johnson.

The **Music Ministry will be offering an in-person concert for the Christmas Season** next Sunday, **Dec. 19 at 4:00 p.m.** *Director's Conversation* will be offered at 3:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a free-will offering to offset concert expenses and in support of the ministry of the church. We hope to see you there!

Limited amount of Poinsettias to brighten our worship through Advent. Please see Paula for more information or an order form. Poinsettias may be given in honor or memory of someone special in your life. A list of these people will appear in next Sunday's bulletin, Dec. 19. Cost is \$15 per Poinsettias.

Season of Gratitude: From Staffing Committee

Our staff led our congregation implementing our congregation's ministry vision. They put in extra hours, persevered in these challenging times, and showed compassion every day. Our staff extend our ministry into the city of Vista every single day. To show our gratitude for their leadership and dedication, our Staffing Committee (SPRC) is collecting money that will be distributed to all the staff on December 21st. Please show your appreciation by dropping a financial gift in our "Gift Present Box" in the Narthex' any Sunday in December. You may also leave it in the office marked "Staff Gift." Contact Melissa Giard for more information or if you would like to extend extra-generosity!



Heidi M. Kendall, Artist

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