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*Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista*

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**In-house and Live-stream Worship**

**November 27, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Gathering**

**Gathering Music**

**Christmas Time is Here**

Music: Vince Guaraldi

Words: Lee Mendelson

Praise Band

**Pastoral Welcome** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Opening Prayer** with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Holy One, we enter the season of watching and waiting. It is amazing that a baby can change our world. Open our hearts to hear this message of hope again as we start the journey back to you. Make our worship be holy and our spirits receptive. Amen.

**Advent Candle Lighting tune**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** UMH 206

Words and Music: Kathleen Thomerson

Praise Band

**Advent Candle Lighting** with the Simpson 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 in hope.** (*Light the first candle*)

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us their ways and that we may walk in their paths.'"

**Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations. God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**



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**\*Children Released to Sunday School**

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture** with Sara Baldwin

**Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)**

**Message**

**“Having Some HOPE”**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Song of the Word**

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH 218**

Words: Edmund H. Sears, 1849

Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

Adam Ferrara

**Call to Prayer Song**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204**

Words and Music: Bob McGee

Praise Band

**Community Prayer with Lord’s Prayer** with Rev. Frank Hallock

Precious Savior, we praise you because you are near. You have walked among us -- living as we live, knowing our pain, experiencing our joy. You chose to come close, to see us face to face. You know firsthand how difficult it is to live down here on earth. Thank you for getting your feet dirty, for reaching out to touch us, for loving us in person. We know that you are able to empathize with our weakness, and we are so grateful, Jesus. May we spend this season sharing this blessed message of hope with all we meet. Thank you for coming to us. 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**

**O Tannenbaum**

Arr. Roger House

Adam Ferrara

**\*Call to Offering and Action** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**



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God of peace and justice, in the past year we have once again witnessed the fruits of war: lives cut short, children made orphans, homes devastated, and hearts broken. We pray to see the day that Isaiah saw in his heart, when swords are pounded into plowshares. These gifts we give this morning, may they be used to make human hearts ready for peace and for the reign of your son. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

### Commissioned into the World

#### Song of Sending

**Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus** UMH 196, Vs. 2

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Adam Ferrara

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

**Deck the Hall**

Praise Band

**Pastors:** Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation, Rev. Frank Hallock and Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister



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### Music Acknowledgements

**Praise Band:** Greg Rye, Roy Good, Jimmy Patton, Adam Ferrara, Heather Clarke, Barbara Mitchell, Beth B. Hallock and Jan Simpson with guests Taylor Lyons and Mark Windrum

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### **Announcements**

**Countdown to Christmas:** It's four weeks until Christmas! In person worship Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Online worship Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

**United Women in Faith:** United Women in Faith are inviting all women of the congregation (as guests) to a Holiday Luncheon catered by El Pollo Loco restaurant at 11:00 am on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Entertainment by the Sunset Strummers Ukulele Group. RSVP by December 7, to Jacque Howard or Sara Baldwin.

**Community Partner 2022: Women's Resource Center (WRC):** The WRC is hosting a Christmas event for 400 teenager children this year. They are accepting donations at their office through December 9th. Gift cards to Walmart/Target are welcome and can be donated through the church or check their website at [www.wrcsd.org](http://www.wrcsd.org) for more information.

**Peace Vigil, Dec. 4 -** Reconciling Ministries is hosting the fourth annual Peace Vigil on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. It will be a program of music, songs, poems, taiko drummers, brief talk and beautiful dancing ending with candlelight and song at the Peace Pole. Please come to this fun and uplifting event.

**Advent Decorating Sanctuary:** Today after worship, go get your lunch and come back to add decorations for Advent. Let's get our sanctuary decorated for the season!

**See's Candy Winter Fundraiser:** We are supporting Veterans Village with individual candy boxes for the season. Please stop by the table in the Narthex to help make the season sweeter for our Vets. We also have a Sees Candy online Storefront for your own holiday shopping. All purchases help to support the Church Budget for 2022. See Pastor Frank for details or visit [www.yumraising.com](http://www.yumraising.com) and follow the links to UMC Vista Winter Fundraiser.

**Christmas gifts for our staff -** This is an opportunity to remember our staff and to say "thank you" for all the support they provided our church through the year. We invite your gifts of cash donations or checks (made out to UMC Vista; write in the memo, "Staff Gift") and place your gift in the Present Box at the end of each service, which will be available in the Narthex, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, or you may place it in the offering plate. We will present your gifts to the staff on Dec. 19. If you have any questions, please see Melissa Giard, Staff-Parish Chair.

**Join us on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:00 p.m. for Christmas caroling.** Any questions, please see Kathy Johnson.

**Music Ministry's Annual Christmas Concert:** Join us on Sunday December 18, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir, Anderson Handbells, Chamber Orchestra and Praise Band will combine to offer a varied and wonderful selection of music for the Christmas Season. Director's Conversation will be at 3:15 p.m. There is no charge and a free-will offering will be taken in support of the Music Ministry.



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**Advent Begins:** In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for a return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

**Note:** On Monday, November 28, the power to the church will be shut off at 3 p.m. while technicians work on the solar panels.



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Bookkeeper	Joann Balladed
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Video Tech Coordinator	Rob Pierce
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