

Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

December 11, 2022 10:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Gathering Music

Praise Band

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Almighty God, the time of waiting is almost over. Like new parents eagerly awaiting the birth of a child, we impatiently wait with you for the birth of your Son. We stand in awe, knowing what the birth of this particular baby means for our lives yet unable to fully comprehend the depth of your love for us. We come before you in worship this morning, hoping that our thoughts, prayers and songs of praise are pleasing to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting tune

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211, Vs. 1 & 2

Words: 9th Century Latin Music: 15th Century French

Adam Ferrara

Advent Candle Lighting with the Chappell 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.

*Children's Time (and released to Sunday School)

Song of Welcome

Away in the Manger UMH 217

Music: James R. Murray

Adam Ferrara

Sharing the Word

Scriptures

Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV) with Phoebe Frasier Matthew 11:2-11 (NRSV) with Gracie Stempson

Message

"Jumping Joy"

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

Go, Tell It on the Mountain UMH 251

Words: John W. Work, Jr.

Music: Afro-American spiritual

Praise Band

Call to Prayer Song

Love Came Down at Christmas UMH 242, Vs. 3

Words: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

Music: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by David Evans, 1927

Praise Band

Baptism and Confirmation

Response to the Word

Special Music

White Christmas

Words and Music: Irving Berlin Adam Ferrara with Jimmy Patton

*Call to Offering and Action with Beth Brainerd Hallock



Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Generous God, as we bring our gifts to you this day, we acknowledge that we have been given so much by your goodness, but we have been tight-fisted and slow in giving to help others. In this Advent season of preparation, we ask you to help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus, our example and redeemer. May this be the season when he finds the highways to our hearts prepared for his coming. In the name that is above all others. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Adam Ferrara

Benediction

Postlude

Skating

Music: Vince Guaraldi

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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Praise Band: Greg Rye, Roy Good, Jimmy Patton, Adam Ferrara, Alden Stoneman, Heather Clarke, Barbara Mitchell, Beth B. Hallock and Jan Simpson

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Announcements

Countdown to Christmas: It's **2** 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 Christmas Bake Sale: United Women in Faith Christmas bake sale coming Dec. 18, at the church. Homemade goodies to give to neighbors, co-workers, friends and Christmas guests. All items will be boxed and ready to deliver to a lucky recipient. Funds raised will support missions through United Women in Faith. Persons who would like to bake for the sale may call Sara Baldwin at 760.724.1859.

We welcome our **Confirmands** this week into full membership: Kingsley Escobar, Nico Chappell, Phoebe Fraser, Jordyn Fraser, Carter Guffey, Kendall Guffey, Christian Guffey, Alyssa Coker, Blake Johnson, Drew Stempson, Sophie Stempson, Gracie Stempson.

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. 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 TODAY at 2:00 p.m. for Christmas caroling. Any questions, please see Kathy Johnson.

Music Ministry's Annual Christmas Concert "Christmas Blessings": Join us next 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.

Moonlight Amphitheatre – Summer 2023. Season tickets are for reserve seating, cost \$240. Profits go to the Choir Robe fund. Shows on Fridays at 8 p.m. Jesus Christ Superstar (May 19); The Wedding Singer (June 17); Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (July 28); 42nd Street (August 25); and Saturday Night Fever (Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.). More info or for reservations, call or see and pay Tom Humphrey, 760.727.2313 or trhumphrey7@cox.net. Checks made out to UMC Vista. Let Tom know ASAP!

<u>Christmas Eve Services – December 24</u>

5:00 p.m. – Family Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m. – Traditional Worship with Choir and Candle Lighting <u>Christmas Day Worship – December 25</u>

Online worship service at 10:00 a.m.



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