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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

**December 18, 2022
10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Advent**

Gathering

Gathering Music

I'll Be Home for Christmas

Arr. Tom Roed

Adam Ferrara

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Blakeslee Chimers

Sweet Babe

By Carol Pence

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Spirit of the Lord God, you bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the One who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting tune

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211, Vs. 3 & 4

Words: 9th Century Latin

Music: 15th Century French

Praise Band



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Advent Candle Lighting with the Feder 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.

We light this candle for love. Our candles of waiting are fully lit.

Remember the words of the prophet Micah, "he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live securely, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace."

Let us pray: **God of Hope, Prince of Peace, Jubilee Judge, and Lord of Love, your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings. You give us more than we can think to ask, coming to us with impossible possibilities in the union of flesh and spirit. Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us in Jesus Christ, God of promise and God of hope. Amen.**

Song of Welcome

Angels We Have Heard on High UMH 238, Vs. 1, 3 & 4

Words: Trad. French carol

Music: French carol melody

Praise Band

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

Sharing the Word

Scriptures with Alfred Chappell

Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Message

"A Little More Love"

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230, Vs. 1-3

Words: Phillips Brooks.

Music: Lewis H. Redner

Adam Ferrara

Call to Prayer Song

Love Came Down at Christmas UMH 242, Vs. 1

Words: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

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

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Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

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

Celtic Christmas Blessing (concert preview)

Words and Music: Craig Curry

Chancel Choir

***Call to Offering and Action with Barbara Mitchell**

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Holy God of hope and promise: when the children were in deep despair, you promised them a sign, the indication of a Savior coming into their midst. As we bring you our tithes and offerings this day, so many of us are discouraged, trying to find our way. We need your sign, we need your Son, not as simply a reminder of history but as a new direction, a revolution of love that starts in our hearts, a resurrection of compassion that looks beyond self and the accumulation of more and more things that don't satisfy. We need what only a Savior can give us. Guide us by your signs on this day and as we begin the journey to Bethlehem once again. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

Commissioned into the World

Song of Sending

See Him Lying in a Bed of Straw

Words and Music: Michael Perry

Praise Band

Benediction

Postlude

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree (concert preview)

Words and Music: Johnny Marks

Praise Band

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Announcements

Christmas Eve Services – December 24

5:00 p.m. – Family Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m. – Traditional Worship with Choir and Candle Lighting

Christmas Day Worship – December 25

Online worship service at 10:00 a.m.

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 available in the Narthex following our worship service 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 4:00 p.m. for our Music Ministry’s Annual Christmas Concert, “Christmas Blessings”. 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.

United Women in Faith Christmas Bake Sale today! Funds raised will support missions through United Women in Faith.



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