



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VISTA**  
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Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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

December 3, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **Gathering**

#### **Gathering Music**

Praise Band and Adrienne Nims

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

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

Creator God, you have molded us into your people. As we gather for worship, let us settle into your bosom of love. We wish to be made into your image. We worship to experience your brightness. We gather to become your Body of Believers. Restore us, O God of the heavens; let your face shine upon us, so that we may worship and know you. Amen.

#### **Song of Welcome**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**    UMH 206, Vs. 1-3

Words and Music: Kathleen Thomerson

Praise Band



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### Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

*(\*A member of a family lights the first candle.)*

**People: We kindle this light with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.**

Leader: The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

**People: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.**

### Song of the Word

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus** UMH 196, Vs. 1-2

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Rowland H. Prichard

Adam Ferrara

### Gathering at the Nativity

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

### Sharing the Word

**Scripture** with Loretta Pierce

[Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37](#) (NRSV)

### Message

**Letting Stuff Go**

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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**Song**

**There's a Song in the Air**     UMH 249, Vs. 1, 3 & 4

Words: Josiah G. Holland

Music: Karl P. Harrington

Adam Ferrara

**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**

Andrienne Nims

**\*Communion**

**Communion Music**

**Feed Us, Lord** W&S 3167

Words and Music: Greg Scheer

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**\*Call to Offering and Action** with Rev. Frank Hallock

**Invitation and Dedication: Prayer**

Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. The master is near. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the time—day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen.

**Commissioned into the World**

**Song of Sending**

**God Who Began a Good Work in You** FWS 2163, Vs. 1

Words and Music: Jon Mohr

Praise Band

**Benediction** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

**Postlude**

Praise Band and Adrienne Nims

**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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### **Announcements**

**Interpreter for the Deaf:** Today we welcome an interpreter for the Deaf/and hard-of hearing. Congregational Care is providing funds for this pilot program. We are striving to ensure that God's Word is accessible to all. Please invite anyone you feel could benefit from this service.

**During Advent** we will be building a unique and dynamic nativity scene. Pastor Leigh Ann is collecting a piece from all members of the congregation to create a messy, unusual vision of Christ's birth. Any one piece that is a part of the story of the Nativity is welcome and should be considered a donated gift for someone else. On Christmas Eve all the pieces will be available to take home and added to your family Christmas celebration.

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.

**Giving thanks for your Support and Contributions:** You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!

**The nursery is available to receive little ones.** The cry room is also available for parents to use. For more information or questions, see Margene Haase.

**Annual Charge Conference** TODAY at 2:30 p.m. in the upper social hall.

Join us TODAY for our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Vigil** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the upper social hall.



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