

~ Welcome ~

December 9, 2018

WE GATHER

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Tornquist

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

No. 196

*Call to Worship

Leader: It's time to get ready for the journey.

People: Where are we going?

Leader: We are heading for the Manger and then to the Cross.

People: What will we find?

Leader: Today we will find peace, along with hope.

All: We are ready. Let the journey begin.

*Morning Prayer

We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Dick & Jan Highman

Congregational Response

"A Candle Is Burning" (Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger") See Screen

Song of Praise

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Played by: Handbell Choir

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children's Time

"You Shall Call His Name Jesus"

Millie Frambaugh

At the conclusion of Children's Time all children age 4 through 5th grades are invited to go with the teachers for Sunday School. Nursery care for younger children is also available.

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen, Amen!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

p. 882

Philippians 1:3-11

p. 1084

Luke 1:26-38

p. 944

Message

"Discerning Your Yes"

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

"Advent Hymn"

Solo by: Elaine Mravetz

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all Creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

No. 220

***Benediction**

Peace be with you and with all whom you love. Go now into God's world with God's peace in your hearts and lives. Go in hope and peace. Amen.

***Postlude**

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

Arr. Barnard

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Charlie Tramel
Bill Baldwin, Mason Brosch
Celia & Grace Pylypiak

Pastor
Music Director
Lay Speaker
Greeters
Acolytes

Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

WELCOME TO SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! Please make sure to sign the attendance pad as it is passed during the service and let us know your contact information. We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon!

At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

www.sharoncenterumc.org

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Office: (330) 239-1616

SharonCenterUMCsecretary@gmail.com

Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

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Pastor Jane Piehl

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Jeannette Swires

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This Week

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Tues	7p	Down to Earth Study
Weds	7:30p	Administrative Council mtg
Thurs	7p	Choir Practice
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Sat	9a-noon	Cookie & Craft Sale (any additional items can be dropped off 8:30a-9a)
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