

~ Welcome ~

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

10:30am

WE GATHER

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” with “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Arr. By: Tom Fettke

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 UMH No. 211

*Call to Worship

Leader: Can one be homesick for something you’ve never known?

People: We are homesick for a just world, for peace like rivers, for the end of suffering.

Leader: Yes we are homesick -

People: for joy that is contagious, for nations that feel like neighbors, and for hospitals that run empty.

Leader: We are homesick for the world God promises.

People: We are homesick, but we are on our way.

Leader: God is here. God is still creating.

People: Let us worship Holy God.

*Morning Prayer

God of the weary and waiting, Scripture tells us that where two or more are gathered, you are there. So we trust that you are here - listening to these words, drawing us close, stirring hope awake in us. And for that we are grateful. We are so grateful. Amen

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Hope

Paul Turner Family

A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December’s dark night.

While angels sing blessing from heaven’s starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Song of Praise

“Praise His Name”

Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time

Pastor Jane

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

p. 732

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

p. 1093

Luke 21:25-36

p. 972

Sue Kelley

Message

“Homesick”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

WE GO FORTH

*Closing Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH No. 213

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Home for the Holidays”

By: Al Stillman and Robert Allen

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl	Pastor
Millie Frambaugh	Music Director
Sue Kelly	Lay Speaker

This Week

Sun		Midwest Mission donation deadline
Tues	7p	Study <i>Home For Christmas</i>
Weds	10a	Study <i>The Heart That Grew 3 Sizes</i>
Weds	6p	Scout mtg
Sat	10a	Book Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Advent Study, *Home For Christmas*, will begin Nov. 30 at 7pm in the Conference Room. A second Advent Study, *The Heart that Grew 3 Times* will be held Wednesdays at 10am beginning Dec. 1 in the Conference Room.

We will be collecting items for Midwest Mission. They are looking for specific items including: jump ropes, all types of sports balls, simple musical instruments, unopened board games. Deadline for donations is: Nov. 28

Join us in serving meals at the Akron Food bank on Dec. 11 from 8:30a-11a. A volunteer application will need filled out in advance. The link was sent out in this week's email or contact Pastor Jane or the office for the link.

The annual Cookie and Craft Sale will be on Dec. 11 from 9a-1p. Donation sheet is out. Cookies are \$10.00/ lb.

The Blue Christmas Service will be Dec. 12 at 3pm

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

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Readings for the First Sunday in Advent, Dec 5
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 28, 2021
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Hope

*All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful
for those who keep his covenant and laws.*

— Psalm 25:10a