

~ Welcome ~

December 12, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30am

WE GATHER

“Gesù Bambino”

By: Pietro A. Yon

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

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*Call to Worship

Leader: We are seeking -

People: Deeper faith, a place to belong, the feeling that God is here in this room.

Leader: We are seeking -

People: Joy that overflows, the movement of the Spirit, a hand to hold, when alone in the dark.

Leader: We are seeking -

People: The freedom to be, the courage to love, the conviction to act in the face of injustice.

Leader: We are seeking, but here in the space,

People: We are found.

Leader: Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.

People: God is here. We are found. Amen.

*Morning Prayer

Holy God, we come to your Scripture today hoping that it will feel like an open door, like coming home. We want to find sanctuary here, breathe easier, laugh and rejoice in hearing your words. Hover close to us today. Open the door of our hearts so that we might find sanctuary in your words. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Love

Wemmer Family

A Candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above,

A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth.

Song of Praise

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” Solo by: Stephen Kinford

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Children’s Time

“I Can Tell Others About 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.

Blessing of the Adopt a Family Gifts

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

Micah 5:2-5a

p. 857

Hebrews 10:5-10

p. 1113

Luke 1:39-55

p. 944

Message

“Seeking Sanctuary”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

*Closing Hymn

*Benediction

*Postlude

WE GO FORTH

“There’s a Song in the Air”

“Carol of the Drum”

By: Katherine K Davis

*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl

Millie Frambaugh

Sue Kelly

Pastor

Music Director

Lay Speaker

This Week		
Sun	3p	Caroling – meet at the church
		Adopt a Family Gifts deadline
Tues	7p	Study <i>Home For Christmas</i>
Weds	10a	Study <i>The Heart That Grew 3 Sizes</i>
	6p	Herb Society mtg
Fri	7p	Christmas Eve Service

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.

Dec. 19 at 3pm we will go Christmas Caroling! Bring a Friend!

Deadline for returning Adopt a family gifts is Dec. 19.

Christmas Eve Service will be Dec. 24 at 7pm

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.

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 19, 2021

Pastor Jane Piehl

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AS FOR YOU, BETHLEHEM OF
EPHRATHAH, . . . ONE WHO IS
TO BE A RULER IN ISRAEL ON MY
BEHALF WILL COME OUT FROM YOU.

— Micah 5:2

