

~ Welcome ~

December 11, 2022

10:30am

Third Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

Prelude "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH No. 211

*Call to Worship

Leader: Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

People: We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.

Leader: Be at peace with one another.

People: Let love and wisdom prevail.

Leader: Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

People: Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love. Amen

*Morning Prayer

God of Glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises. Come into our parched world and shower us with your gushing, abundant water of life. Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your love. Be born anew in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus; come. We are ready! Amen.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Lighting of Advent Wreath Boché Family

Light the Advent Candle, three: Think of heavenly harmony

angels singing "Peace on earth" at the blessed Savior's birth

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Song of Praise "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Solo by: Dave Piehl

Children's Time "Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs" 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

Isaiah 35:1-10

p. 662

James 5:7-10

p. 1120

Matthew 11:2-11

p. 899

Sue Kelly

Message

"True Greatness"

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Moment of Reflection

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Offering

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

*Doxology

UMH No. 95

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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH No. 206

*Benediction

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Raylan, Hadlee, Anna Boché

Pastor
Music Director
Acolytes

This Week

Sun		Poinsettia Orders due
Tues	7p	Angels of Christmas Study
Fri	11a-4p	Drop off Cookies and treats
Sat	9a-noon	Cookie & Craft Sale
	10a	Choir Practice
	11a	Gingerbread house making

Upcoming Events

12/18		Adopt a Family gifts return deadline
12/24	7p	Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-The Advent Study, *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent* by: Susan Robb will begin Nov. 29 and will last for 4 weeks. Meet in the Conference room on Tuesdays at 7pm.

-Men's Breakfast Study takes place on the second Saturday morning from September – April. They will rotate between Sharon UMC and St Paul's. The next meeting will be Jan. 14

-Our Cookie and Craft Sale will be on Dec. 17 from 9a-noon. We could use a few more cookie donations and we hope to see everyone on cookie sale day.

-The Annual Gingerbread House making will be Dec. 17 at 11am! Kids can make a gingerbread house while adults shop for cookies!

-Adopt a family gift tags are posted on tree at back of sanctuary. Please return by Dec. 17. Do not wrap, wrapping paper or gift bags are accepted.

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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SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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