

~ Welcome ~

December 18, 2022

10:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

Prelude

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

*Greeting

WE PRAISE

*Opening Hymn

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

UMH No. 218

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been looking for a sign.

People: Emmanuel—God with us.

Leader: We have been waiting for a savior.

People: Emmanuel—God with us.

Leader: The time is near—can it be?

People: Emmanuel—God with us.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of sign, wonder, and promise.

*Morning Prayer

We come this morning, tired from rushing around, tired of trying to meet the demands and expectations of the season. Slow us down. Help us center our thoughts. Restore in us a childlike wonder, and a belief that dreams really do come true. We call on your name. Be with us and in us, Emmanuel. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Breese Family

Light the Advent Candle, four: Think of joy forever-more

Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.

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

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

Song of Praise

“All Is Well”

Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

Children’s Time

“An Angel Appears to Joseph”

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

Charlie Tramel

Isaiah 7:10-16

p. 637

Romans 1:1-7

p. 1037

Matthew 1:18-25

p. 889

Message

“The Man at the Manger”

Pastor Jane Piehl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Moment of Reflection

Offering

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

UMH No. 240

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh
Kennedy Breese

Pastor
Music Director
Acolytes

This Week

Sun 3p Poinsettia Orders extended through today
Blue Christmas Service
Cookie & Craft Sale after church
Adopt a Family gifts due

Tues 7p Angels of Christmas Study

Sat 7p Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Events

1/3 7p Amos Study begins

2/5 Valentine Care package items due and college student/
deployed military care package name submission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Poinsettia Orders have been extended. If you didn't get to order one you can still do so today. Please return order form and they can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service or Christmas Day.
- The Advent Study, *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent* by: Susan Robb will conclude this week.
- Our next study will be on Amos and begins Jan. 3. 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 take place after church today if you didn't get a chance to stop in Saturday. Or would like to get a few more. Price is \$9/ lb
- Check out the Gingerbread houses around the church today!

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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