

~ Welcome ~

December 3, 2023

10:30am

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
Arr. By: Crystal Davis Clay

Welcome & Announcements
*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn "People, Look East" UMH No. 202
If you wish, on the first Sunday of every month, anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during the month, can place a donation during the hymn to the "little church" to help fund the Flower and Landscaping Fund.

*Call to Worship
Leader: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.
People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
Leader: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.
People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
Leader: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.
People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.
Leader: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise.
People: Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

*Morning Prayer
God of justice and peace, from the heavens, you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath "A Candle is Burning" vs. 1 See Screen
Song of Praise "Hand of Sweet Release" Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

Children's Time "Gummy Worms, Clay Pots & the Master Artist" 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.

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!*

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 Dave Piehl
Isaiah 64:1-9 p. 691
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 p. 1052
Mark 13:24-37 p. 937

Message "Ready or Not, Here I Come!" Pastor Jane Piehl

Moment of Reflection
Sharing in the Lord's Supper UMH No. 12

Offering "Awake, O Sleeper"
By: Max Miller
UMH No. 95

*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

*Closing Hymn "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" UMH No. 730

*Benediction
Postlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" with "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Arr. By: Tom Fettke

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor
Music Director

Upcoming Events

Sun	3p	Blue Christmas Service
Tues	6:30p	Co-Op Group
	7p	<i>Savior is Born</i> Study
12/17		Poinsettia order forms due
12/20		Adopt –a –family donations due
12/24	7p	Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Advent Study, *A Savior Is Born* will begin Nov. 28 at 7pm. and is lead by: Millie Frambaugh

-Dec. 3 at 3pm we will have a Blue Christmas Service.

- Poinsettia Order forms are available and will be due Dec. 17

-We are supporting our local families in need with the Adopt a Family program through Highland Community Support Network. Please pick an ornament from the tree at the back of the sanctuary and return by Dec. 20, unwrapped. (Wrapping paper may accompany it)

-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! 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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