

# ~ Welcome ~

December 10, 2023

10:30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

“I Wonder As I Wander”

*Arr. By: Cindy Berry*

Welcome & Announcements

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Opening Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1-4) UMH No. 211

\*Call to Worship

*Leader: Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness*

**People: Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.**

*Leader: Something new was about to happen.*

**People: God would visit God’s people in a new way!**

*Leader: Lord, open our hearts to receive this good news!*

**People: Prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion as we look forward to this wondrous event you have proclaimed to us. Amen.**

\*Morning Prayer

**As the voice cried out in the wilderness, God, you enter our lives and call to us to be open to hearing the cries of people who feel lost and alienated, who feel that no one cares or ever will care about them. We have been given that opportunity to reach out through the ministries and mission of our church bringing hope and peace to all. Get us ready to become pathways of peace and life-transforming love in your name. It is in the spirit of Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Baldwin Family

**Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

“A Candle is Burning” vs. 2

See Screen

Song of Praise

Solo by: Dave Piehl

Children’s Time

“A Messenger Sent from God”

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.*

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

Isaiah 40:1-11 p. 666

Mark 1:1-8 p. 922

Luke 1:68-79 p. 945

Sue Kelly

Message

“Praying in Advent”

Pastor Jane Piehl

Moment of Reflection

Offering

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

*By: Gustav Holst*

\*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

\*Closing Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH No. 206

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)”

*Arr. By: Carol Tornquist*

\*Indicates congregation to stand

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Pastor Jane Piehl  
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor  
Music Director

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### Upcoming Events

Tues	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* continues through Dec. 19 at 7pm. In the conference room and is lead by: Millie Frambaugh

- 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

Worship Service: 10:30am

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