

~ Welcome ~

December 17, 2023

10:30am

Prelude
Third Sunday of Advent
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Arr. By: Carol Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH No. 196

*Call to Worship

Leader: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

People: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

Leader: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

People: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

Leader: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

People: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. Amen.

*Morning Prayer

Lord God, as we gather this day, we open our hearts to you, seeking your healing and transforming love. Our world cries for justice for all people, yet the leaders seem intent on bantering with one another, unmindful of the peace-bringers and those who would heal and teach the ways of peace. Be with all of us. Prepare us for this bright light of love which you are sending to us, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Boché Family

Congregation: We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God's people.

"A Candle is Burning" vs. 3

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Song of Praise

Solo by: Stephen Kinford

Children's Time

"Christmas Lights"

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 61:1-4, 8-11

p. 689

Charlie Tramel & Mason Brosch

Luke 1:26-56

p. 944

Message

"Acts of Mercy, God's Love for Others" Pastor Jane Piehl

Moment of Reflection

Offering

"One Small Child"

Arr. By: Melody Bober

*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

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH No. 240

*Benediction

Postlude

"The Advent of Our God"

Arr. By: Carol Tornquist

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor
Music Director

Upcoming Events

Sun		Poinsettia order forms due
Tues	7p	<i>Savior is Born</i> Study
Weds		Adopt –a –family donations due
Thurs	7p	Choir Practice

Christmas Eve Schedule

10:30a	Sunday Service
7p	Candlelight 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

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