

~ Welcome ~

December 24, 2023

10:30am

Prelude

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Joy Has Dawned”

Arr. By: Carol Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Hymn

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

UMH No. 218

*Call to Worship

Leader: Light the lamps, prepare the room, God is coming to us!

People: Make our hearts and spirits ready to receive God’s most gracious gift, God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Push the darkness away. The light is truly coming!

People: May God’s light shine on us, in us and through us that God’s glory may be seen. Amen.

*Morning Prayer

In the rush of preparation for holiday celebration, we come to this place to be fed by God. We need the peace, hope, love and joy that this season represents. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive the words and the blessings, to be fed and then to be those who will share with others as you have shared with us. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Lahoski Family

Congregation: We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

“A Candle is Burning” vs. 4

See Screen

Song of Praise

“Mary Wrapped a Present”

Solo by: Millie Frambaugh

By: The Hoppers

Children’s Time

“Mary Had a Little Lamb”

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 9:2, 6-7

p. 638

Romans 16:25-27

p. 1051

Luke 2:1-20

p. 945

Charlie Tramel

Message

“Christmas is Only the Beginning”

Pastor Jane Piehl

Moment of Reflection

Offering

“Happy Birthday, Jesus”

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

“What Child Is This?”

UMH No. 219

*Benediction

Postlude

“There’ a Song in the Air”

Arr. By: Cindy Berry

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor
Music Director

Upcoming Events

Christmas Eve Schedule

7p Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *The Way of the Chosen* Study will continue January 9-February 13 at 7pm in the Conference Room. There will be a Lenten Study beginning February 20.

-We will have our annual Sub Sandwich Sale on Feb. 11 (Super Bowl Sunday). Order forms will be out mid January.

-We will begin collecting for Valentine Care Packages for college students and active duty military in mid January. If you know of anyone to send a care package to, let the office know.

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.

www.sharoncenterumc.org

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service: 10:30am

Church Office: (330) 239-1616

SharonCenterUMCSecretary@gmail.com

Church hours: Mon, Weds 11a-1p, Fri 11a-3p

December 24, 2023

Pastor Jane Piehl

JanePiehl@gmail.com

