

~ Welcome ~

December 31, 2023

10:30am

Prelude "Carol of the Bells" with "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"
Arr. By: Tom Fettke

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" vs. 1, 2 UMH No. 250

*Opening Prayer

We gather here to recall the mystery of our redemption. Though sin drew us away from God, he never stopped loving us. The prophets told of the coming of a Messiah who would initiate a reign of justice and peace. This promise was fulfilled in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Let us now reflect with joy on this wondrous mystery.

Children's Time "We Keep Our Promises" Pastor Jane

First Lesson Genesis 3:1-15 p. 5
Carol "Gloria" See Screen
Prayer: Lord of mercy, despite our sinfulness, you never stopped loving us. Fill our hearts with your mercy, that we may forgive others. Amen.

Second Lesson Jeremiah 23:5-8 p. 719
Carol "There's a Song in the Air" vs. 1, 4 UMH No. 249
Prayer: Lord, you promised that your reign would bring the justice that would never end. May we help to bring this justice in our time. Amen.

Third Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 641
Special Music "Mary Did You Know?" Solo By: Millie Frambaugh
Prayer: Lord, we wait for the day of your peace. May we help to bring this peace in our families, our communities, and our world. Amen.

Fourth Lesson Isaiah 9:1-6 p. 638
Carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1,7 UMH No. 211
Prayer: God, you are always with us. May we always trust in your presence and share it with those around us. Amen.

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38 p. 944
Special Music "Joseph's Lullaby" Solo by: Dave Piehl
Prayer: Lord, you asked Joseph and Mary to trust in you. May we come to share in their trust and always rely on you. Amen.

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-18 p. 945
Carol "Silent Night" vs. 1, 2 UMH No. 239
Prayer: Lord, you came to us in humility and vulnerability. May we always show loving care to those around us, especially those in most need. Amen.

Seventh Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 p. 890
Carol "We Three Kings" vs. 1, 5 UMH No. 254
Prayer: Lord, you are the giver of all good gifts. May we always remember to share our gifts with others for the glory of your name. Amen.

Eighth Lesson John 1:1-14 p. 977
Special Music "Libera Me" from Requiem, Op. 48 Cello Solo By: Joe Salsbury
Prayer: God of power and might, you are beyond all time and space. May we never fail to recognize your majesty and give praise to you in all we do. Amen

Ninth Lesson Matthew 28:16-20 p. 921
Carol "Go Tell It On The Mountain" vs. 1, 2 UMH No. 251
Prayer: Lord, you call us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. Fill our words with power that we may proclaim your good news and draw all people to you. Amen.

Offering "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Arr. By: James Koerts
*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 "Joy To the World" vs. 1, 4 UMH No. 246

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
Arr. By: Cindy Berry

*Indicates congregation to stand

Pastor Jane Piehl
Millie Frambaugh

Pastor
Music Director

This Week

Sat 10:30a Decoration take down- please sign up to help

Upcoming Events

1/9 7p Way of the Chosen Study continues
2/11 Sub Sandwich Sale
2/11 Valentine Care package items due and college student/
deployed military care package name submission.
2/14 6p Soup & Bread Supper
2/14 7p Ash Wednesday Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-If you ordered a poinsettia, you are welcome to take it home after the service today.

-We will take down the decorations around the church on Sat. Jan. 6 at 10:30a. Sign up on the sheet if you are available to help.

-The Way of the Chosen Study continues on January 9- Feb. 13. Meet in the Conference room on Tuesdays at 7pm.

-Our annual Sub Sandwich sale fundraiser forms will be out Mid January and form deadline will be Feb. 4 with Sub pick up on Feb. 11.

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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