

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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First Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME Forrest Horn
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

People: Watch for this gift!

Leader: Be vigilant and ready for the gift is about to come.

People: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.

Leader: Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

People: Praise be to God for such lavish love. Amen.

*HYMN UMH #211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Draw near to us, O God. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Petty Family

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth on the earth, so that all may hear your teachings through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:6 NT #2

SERMON Rev. Meegian Gossard
"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*THE NICENE CREED

UMH #880

PRAYER

THE 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Felecia Boyce and Bill Rose

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

TFWS #2091

"The King of Glory Comes"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

UMH #898

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

We have adopted a family through Families Helping Families for Christmas. Tags with suggested items are on the tree in the narthex. **The deadline is Tuesday, December 6.**

We have 15 copies of The Heart that Grew Three Sizes available to purchase. Please see Elaine Comstock after worship if you'd like one. If you got a book last week and still need to pay, you may place the money in the offering place marked "Advent book."

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the sanctuary for Christmas.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 Finance Committee - Crossroads Classroom

Wednesday, November 30

10:00 Pastor's Bible Study

5:30 Choir

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School groups each Sunday Morning:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9 a.m.
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

HEARING INFO

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will receive these requests and lift them up for prayer during worship.

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.