



## December 4, 2022

# Second Sunday of Advent

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#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to prepare the way. **People: The way for Christ –** Leader: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ – **People: to enter our world, to enter our hearts.** Leader: We cry out together in the wilderness: **People: the kingdom of heaven has come near.** Leader: We come to be part of the light – **People: the light that shines in the darkness.** 

#### \*HYMN

UMH #196

Bill Rose

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE The Phillips Family

#### APPORTIONMENT UPDATE

Rev. Meegian Gossard

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

#### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

#### **\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy One, through your Holy Spirit, instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illuminate our hearts that we may hear your call to become your path into the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

#### \*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON OT #831 Zechariah 7:8-14

SERMON

Rev. Meegian Gossard "Looking the Part"

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER			
OFFERING			
OFFERTORY ANTHEM		Lady Abigail Imperio	
*DOXOLOGY			UMH #95
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING			
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION			
			See insert
WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD			
*HYMN	"Jesus Shall R	eign″	UMH #157
*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.

The deadline to bring your gifts for our Families Helping Families mission project is this **Tuesday**, **December 6, by 12 pm.** 

We have 15 copies of <u>The Heart that Grew Three Sizes</u> available to purchase. Please see Judi Rose after worship if you'd like one.

Calling all men! Come join us for faith and fellowship, **Monday, December 5**, in the CLC.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, December 5 6:30 UMM - CLC Wednesday, December 7 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study – Crossroads SS room 5:30 Choir – Choir Room Thursday, December 8 6:30 Finance Committee - ZOOM

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

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

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

**Children's SS Class** meets at 9:45 am in the Crossroads SS room located 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.