

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**December 10, 2023**

*Second Sunday  
of Advent*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Forrest Horn

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

The Billingsley Family

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the season of memories.

**People: Let us remember the life of the One whose birth we hail.**

Leader: This is the season of new beginnings.

**People: Let us begin our watch for the One whose grace we extol.**

Leader: This is the season of great expectations.

**All: O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**\*HYMN**

UMH #176

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, who in Jesus Christ awakens our hope for a new heaven and a new earth, we approach you with troubled but expectant hearts. We are troubled by conflicts within, yet reassured by your promise of salvation for those who trust you. We are troubled by conflicts without, yet encouraged by your pledge of peace for those who follow you. Make us messengers of the hope for peace on earth. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM**

Choir

"The Beautiful Impossible"

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, as we listen to the song of the angels, let us remember the message of Calvary. Let us march to Bethlehem, coming to the Lord as the Lord came to us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #32

Mark 1:1-8

**SERMON**

Rev. Laurie Brandes

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### 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

Lady Imperio

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

## WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN

UMH #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

#### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you 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.

Thanks to LW Smith and those who assisted with the Tuesday evening congregational meeting - great fellowship, information and food.

A fun time was had by all who attended the Birthday Party for Jesus. Thank you Rugina and Tiffany.

Please join us this Saturday, December 16, at 3 pm for a Christmas concert presented by Lady Imperio with music by the Rehoboth UMC choir, Green Street UMC choir, and special music provided by others.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 13

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, December 14

6:30 Finance Committee - ZOOM

Saturday, December 16

3:00 Christmas Concert – Sanctuary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

**Crossroads SS Class** meets via Zoom at 9am  
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

**Pathfinder SS Class** meets at 9:45 am in the parlor in the Education Building.

**Children's SS Class** meets at 9:45 am in the nursery in the Education building.

## HEARING DEVICES

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. Your prayers will be lifted up.

## 2023 FINANCES

**2023 Budget = \$229,008.00**

**Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00**

**Received for General Budget on 12/03/23=\$1,951.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$153,056.00**

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.