

DECEMBER 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONGS OF PRAISE: YOUR NAME (CHRISTMAS VERSION)
JESUS MESSIAH (CHRISTMAS VERSION)

*CALL TO WORSHIP BY JOSH TAYLOR

L: ACROSS THE UNIVERSE CREATION WAITS FOR THE PROPHETS TO SPEAK THEIR WORDS OF EXPECTATION AND THEIR VISION OF RENEWAL.

P: MAY WE GATHER ROUND THEM TODAY ONCE MORE AND LET THEIR LONGING GRIP US AND LEAD US INTO BIRTH AND BLESSING.

L: SO COME NOW MY FRIENDS THIS IS THE MEETING PLACE OF PROMISE AND PROPHECY LET US LISTEN THROUGH THE ANCIENT WORDS THAT WE MIGHT BE READY TO HEAR A BABY'S CRY.

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Emmanuel, humanity waits in darkness longing for your light. In the center of darkness, rekindle our hope. As we wait for peace in the midst of war, be with us. As we pray for families to be reunited, be with us. As we pray for enemies to be reconciled, be with us. As we pray for lands to be restored, be with us. As we pray for long-term security, be with us. As we pray for kindness and community, be with us. Restore and set right our relationships. Replace the darkness in our hearts with your light and joy. Let your word set alight the hope the world needs to bring to life your love and justice. Amen.

LIGHTING OFF THE ADVENT WREATH BY REV. JOHN AND KRISTEN MASSEY WITH O COME, EMMANUEL UMH 211 VERSE 1

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSSROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH DEBBIE WALLIN

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*A SONG OF PREPARATION: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
UMH 234 (VERSES 1,2,3,4)

SCRIPTURE: MICAH 5:2A (NRSV)

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?
Yes, we believe It.

MESSAGE : SEEDS OF PEACE

REV. DUSTIN McCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

(to the tune of Infant Holy, Infant Lowly):

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-In-One.
Here we offer to you gladly
all the gifts that you Impart,
as we glory In your Presence,
giving from a grateful heart.

*A SONG OF INVITATION: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

UMH 230

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee in the Conference Room.

December 17 Bobbi Michael, Nicki Osburn, Myra Davis

24 Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sunday School: immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video series on 1 Thessalonians by Ben Stuart.

Today: Last day to turn in your gifts for the Angel Tree.

Meeting night: 5:00 pm, Administrative Council at 6:15 pm.

Children's Christmas Play Practice is on Wednesday and the last practice is on December 16 at 10:00 am. The Christmas Play is on Sunday, December 17 during our worship service.

Christmas Caroling: The congregation is invited to join WNK in Christmas Caroling at Brereton Court.

Common Grounds: December 21

Food Pantry: Through the month of December we will be collecting cereal, ramen noodles, boxes of chips, oats, spaghetti, rice, and puddings/jello for the food pantry.

Our Blue Christmas Service will take place on Thursday, December 21 at 11am.

Christmas Services will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 10am and 4pm.

Bible Study/Dinner is cancelled on December 27.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

December : 13 ?? Martha and Carol

20 Pizza and chips by everyone

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