

Morning Worship
Sunday, November 29, 2020, 10:00 am
1st Sunday of Advent

Beginning Music “Veni Emmanuel”

Prelude “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” RoseAnne Homola

Words to ponder: “Pay attention! There’s something happening here. God is speaking. Christ is coming. God is with us even now.”

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Isaiah 64:1-9;
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
Scriptures for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 40:1-11;
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle Sherwood Family

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.

People: **Christ is with us now.**

Leader: Look and see, God’s creative power is close at hand.

People: **God’s power is with us here.**

Leader: Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.

People: **God is re-creating us each and every day, re-forming us in the image of love.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Creator God, thank you for forming us in your image at the day of our creation, and for re-forming us anew each and every day. Help us be attentive to your presence. Open our ears to hear you. Open our eyes to see you. Speak to our hearts and shine in our lives, that your presence may shimmer in our lives and that your love may emanate from us, now and forevermore. Amen.

Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Eunice Alberts,
Paula Koch, Ron Giannattasio

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Marsha Moore

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” Heather Arnold,
Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

Sermon “*The Good News*” Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

When we turn away from you or neglect your presence, O God, don’t rage against us or turn away in silent wrath. When we sin and fall short of the people you would have us be, don’t hide your loving presence from us. Speak to us anew, that we may hear your voice and notice your presence in our lives. Shine upon us with your grace and mercy, that we may return to you and return to love. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*) Bless these gifts with your loving presence, O God. Make your face shine through our offering this day. Shine the light of your love through our ministries and our lives, that all may know and notice that you are here, on this very earth and in our very lives.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

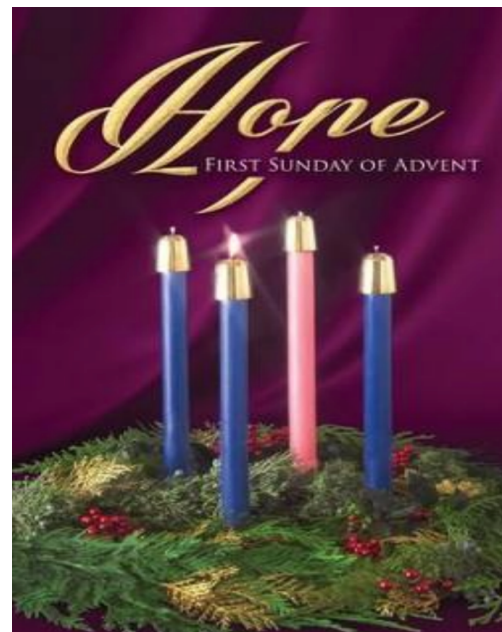
Sending Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Sheryl Rajpolt,
Dave York, RoseAnne Homola

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Benediction Response "Star Child" Rose and Dave Aiello

**Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt**

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton
Leader: Jan Filmer; Children's Time: Marsha Moore
Joys and Concerns: Bill Florin
Soloists: Rose Aiello, Heather Arnold, Eunice Alberts, Paula Koch,
Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York
Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola
Guitarist: Dave Aiello
UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello
LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn
Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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