

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020 – 10:55 A.M.

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

Mrs. Jeanne Banks, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Waller

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*—Traditional Mrs. Lynn Meeks, Organist

GREETING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING IN THE LORD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You have sent many messengers into our world.

P: Help us recognize the messengers that are proclaiming your Word.

L: Voices cry out for our attention.

P: Help us hear the voices that speak your wisdom.

L: Paths are open in every direction.

P: Help us make a straight path toward your love. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, 3)

No. 211

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S SONG

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jennifer, Amber and Brandi Altice

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:1-18; Isaiah 40:3-5

Pastor: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Prophecies and Preparations: A Way in the Wilderness

Rev. Waller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANTHEM

Adeste Fideles

Jubilant Ringers

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER INTERLUDE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL 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.

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1, 2, 3)

No. 203

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Waller

*GOING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

Mrs. Meeks

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; Coronavirus victims and healthcare front-line workers; Judy Anderson; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Sonny Vaughn; Jennifer Cooper; Eva Prillaman; Jim Henderson; Johnny Guilliams; Tim & Sandra Funk; John Cooper; Jeanette Singleton; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Mark Singleton; Melissa Houseman (Terri Naff); William Worley (Brenda Wright); Trevor and Rachel McKinley (Pat Cundiff); Mary Maxey (Don Ranson); Tricia Custer (Linda S. Handy); Shirley Green (Will Waller); Melissa Hays-Smith (Marsha Robertson); Mary Kay Smith (Lynn Cooper); Marion Pritchett (Pam Pritchett); Regina Stanley (Rebecca Dillon); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); DJ Snider (Patsy Swain); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Jennifer Tatum (Tracy Jenkins); and Tiffanee Anderson (Judy Anderson).

Forget-Me-Nots:

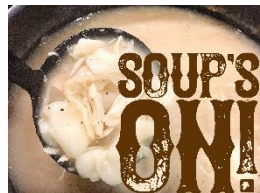
Eleanor Woody

Meetings and Announcements:

- Today, November 29 5:30 p.m., Youth Meeting
- Monday, November 30 10:00 a.m., Advent Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- Tuesday, December 1 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- Wednesday, December 2 6:00 p.m., Wonderful Webday Zoom Meeting
- Thursday, December 3 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- Next Sunday, December 6 10:55 a.m., Worship

Today you have the opportunity to select an "Advent Friend." Envelopes are in the Narthex with the name of a church member who is either shut-in or may be in need of some special care during the Advent season. Please take a card, pray for your "Advent Friend," and extend other acts of kindness (such as a personal call, a greeting card, or other special treats).

A four-week Advent study begins on November 30 in the Assembly Room. We have both in-person and virtual learning capabilities. No need to register. To Zoom, type in <https://zoom.us/j/8715333700> with the meeting ID: 871 533 3700.



United Methodist Women's Soup Sale

The United Methodist Women has been approved by the Virginia Conference to carry out its annual soup sale. The approved plan is as follows:

- The soup will be sold by pre-orders and promoted to the congregation by announcements, e-mails, and newsletters.
- A small team of three to five UMW members will prepare and package the soup in the Fellowship Hall kitchen of the church.
- Hand washing, surface cleaning, cleaning of pots and utensils will be employed. Masks and gloves will be worn at all times during cleaning, preparation of foods, cooking, and packaging.
- Soup will be packaged in new plastic containers or sterilized quart jars. Packaged soup will be promptly refrigerated.
- During the pick-up of orders, social distancing will be observed. UMW members will wear masks and gloves at all times.

We are taking orders now for quarts of homemade potato, with or without meat, and vegetable beef soup. **All soup must be preordered.** Simply fill out the order form and give it to a UMW member or email it to lindaw@shentel.net or call Linda Walters at 540-346-2004 to order. (Please leave a message if I don't answer.) Cost is \$8 a quart. Your soup can be packaged in a sterilized quart jar for an extra \$1 per quart. Otherwise soup will be packaged in a new plastic quart container. You may pick up your soup on Friday, December 11 or Saturday, December 12 between 11:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the church. You can come in or we will bring it out to your car. All payments will be made upon pickup. Cash or checks made out to RMUMW will be accepted and exact change is appreciated. All funds raised will be used for UMW mission projects.

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Name: _____

Phone # _____

Available:	Quantity
Potato Soup (contains ham/bacon) @ \$8/quart	_____ qts.
Potato Soup (no meat) @ \$8/quart	_____ qts
Vegetable Beef @ \$8/quart	_____ qts.
Total quarts @\$8	_____ qts.

Option: I would like my soup in sterilized quart jars. _____ jars @ \$1 per jar _____

Total amount due _____