

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 4, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

\*Please stand as you are able

### ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC		Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR		
OPENING VOLUNTARY	<i>While Shepherds Watched</i> —Young	Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY		

### GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Dunlap, Liturgist

L: Praise be to God who sends God's light to us.

**P: Honor and praise to God for God's most precious gift.**

L: The darkness that envelops the people,

**P: Is pierced by the Light.**

L: Let us rejoice in God's blessed goodness!

**P: Let us continually praise God with great joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* No. 220

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

ANTHEM *We Just Can't Wait Any Longer* Celebration Singers

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller

\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

**P: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.**

L: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1, 2, 8 NRSV).

**P: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.**

*(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:22-35 New Testament pg. 55

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Christmas On Your Radio: White Christmas* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—Smith  
*(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)*

\*THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 4) No. 230  
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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**Prayer Concerns:**

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Paul and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).**

**Forget-Me-Nots:**

**Eleanor Woody**

**Meetings and Announcements:**

- **Today, December 4**      **7:00 p.m.**, Children's Christmas Program
  
- **Monday, December 5**      **10:30 a.m.**, United Women in Faith will meet at the church to carpool to the Hotel Roanoke for the Christmas Luncheon at Hotel Roanoke  
   **7:00 p.m.**, Boy Scouts
  
- **Tuesday, December 6**      **7:00 p.m.**, Jubilant Ringers
  
- **Wednesday, December 7**      **5:00-7:00 p.m.**, Youth are providing free childcare from newborns to fifth grade  
   **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir
  
- **Thursday, December 8**      **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts
  
- **Next Sunday, Dec. 11**      **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups  
   **10:55 a.m.**, Worship - Chancel Choir Cantata  
   **Following worship**, Special Needs Adults' Luncheon  
   **4:00 p.m.**, Franklin County Community Choir Concert
  
- **Tuesday, December 13**      **7:00 p.m.**, Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting
  
- **Sunday, December 18**      **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting  
   **3:00 p.m.**, Youth Christmas Party/Polar Bear Plunge
  
- **Thursday, December 22**      **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
  
- **Thursday, December 22-Monday, December 26**, Church Office Closed
  
- **Saturday, December 24**      **7:00 p.m.**, Christmas Eve Service
  
- **Sunday, December 25**      **10:00 a.m.**, Combined Small Group for all ages  
   **10:55 a.m.**, Christmas Day Worship Service

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Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Parents, grandparents! Do you need a break this Wednesday, December 7? The youth will be providing FREE care for your child from newborns to fifth grade. 5:00-7:00 p.m. We'll be watching a movie, eating pizza, playing games and making a craft. If you're planning to bring a child, please RSVP by Wednesday morning so we can know how many pieces of pizza to buy. Email [will@rm-umc.org](mailto:will@rm-umc.org) if your child or grandchild will be coming.

The Franklin County Office of Aging will brighten a Senior Citizen's holiday this year. Pick up a star with a Senior Citizen's needs at the Essig Recreation Center. All unwrapped gifts need to be delivered by December 12.

We need nursery volunteers. Anyone wanting to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the worship service, please contact the church office (540-483-5338 or [admin@rm-umc.org](mailto:admin@rm-umc.org)). Thank you.

Congratulations! We collected 72 pounds of canned food for Heavenly Manna. We are collecting canned soup for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

A bracelet was found on the sidewalk outside of the sanctuary's main door. It will be held in the office until claimed.

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