

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Our Community Gathers

Prelude **'Angels We Have Heard On High'** *Handbell Choir*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (**you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John

**ALL: He came to witness to the Light and
we are called to do the same.**

Leader: Christ is coming!

We gain confidence from that assurance.

**ALL: And look! Our hope grows even stronger for
three lights are burning where there was darkness!**

Advent Candle Lighting *Wanda Bateson*

***Opening Hymn** **'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'** *Ch #125*
vs. 1 & 2

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 146: 5-10** *Ellie Wells*

Prayer Preparation **'Open My Eyes'** (*chorus*) *Ch #586*

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer

'I Wonder as I Wander' (*vs. 1-3*) *Ch #161*

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Our Word of Life Matthew 11: 2-11 (*pg. 11 NT*)

Morning Message *Rich Pate*
'He Surely Could Have Any Wee Thing'

Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table

We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.

Communion **'Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming'** *CH #160*
vs. 1 & 2

Special Music **'Breathe of Heaven'** *Lana Bell*

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.

Prayer of Offering and Dedication *Ellie Wells*

You have created us, O God, in the image of the one whom we have remembered about this table. With grateful hearts we ask your continuing Spirit to upbuild us ever more perfectly into that likeness. Help us together to become that new humanity in Jesus Christ. Amen

***Sending Song** **'Angels, from the Realms of Glory'** *Ch #149*
vs. 1- 3

Blessing

Go in peace. Go in joy. Go in love. Go in faith. Go in hope. For the Author of peace, joy, love, faith, and hope goes with you. Amen

**'Our Worship has ended - - -
Now our Service to God begins!'**

Scripture for Sunday, December 22nd

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16

New Testament reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound:

Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Marie Pate, Dick Scott, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Bev Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those who can't be with us on Sundays.

Christmas Bags for our Shut-ins!

*We will be delivering the Christmas Gift Bags to our shut-ins **next Sunday**. Please have your items here by 10:00 so they can be added to the bags. Thanks for the wonderful response!*

Christmas Offering

Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2019 Christmas offering. 100% of your monies go to support our Ohio Region.

Advent Calendar

- Dec. 15 Luke 1: 46b- 55 'He Surely Could Have Any Wee Thing'
(*In Memory or In Honor of donations due*)
- Dec. 22 Matt: 1:18-25 'When Mary Birthed Jesus'
(*Deliver Christmas Gift Bags to our shut-ins*)
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Isaiah 9: 1-8 plus selected reading, solos, & singing
Gathering 6:00 - Service 7:00
- Dec. 29 Matthew 2: 1-12 'Honoring the King'

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3rd Sunday in Advent



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