# Sunday, December 8, 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 'Emmanuel' Bells

**Welcome and Announcements** 

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

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

ALL: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: We have heard the promise.

God's chosen One will soon be among us.

We must make ready.

ALL: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Leader: The wilderness places of our lives may threaten to

overwhelm us. We easily lose our way. But a second candle adds its light.

ALL: The candle of wisdom and preparation

Joins the candle of watchful waiting.

**Advent Candle Lighting** 

Jim Detrow

\*Opening Hymn 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed'

Ch #140

vs. 1 - 3

Old Testament Reading Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Todd Whitmer

Prayer Preparation 'Open My Eyes' (chorus)

Ch #586

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer

Todd

'I Wonder as I Wander' (vs. 1 &2) Ch #161

# **Our Community Hears the Word and Responds**

Our Word of Life

Isaiah 11: 1-10 (pg. 640 OT)

**Morning Message** 

Rich Pate

'The Promise of the Ages'

# **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

'I Come with Joy'

CH #420

vs. 1 - 5

**Special Music** 

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** 

**Todd Whitmer** 

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

\*Sending Song 'We've a Story to Tell to the Nations'

Ch #484

vs. 2

Blessing

Welcome the coming of Christ with gladness. Make room for the Savior in your lives. Embrace Christ as your Friend. Accompany him in his ministry. And may God's hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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

## Scripture for Sunday, December 15th

Old Testament reading: Psalm 146: 5-10 New Testament reading: Luke 1: 46b-55

#### 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.

#### **Pathways Hospice**

Pathways Hospice will again have their Memorial Service December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m in our sanctuary. You are more than welcome to attend this beautiful service.

#### Advent Calendar

- Dec. 8 Isaiah 11: 1-10 'The Promise of the Ages' (Annual Meeting following worship)
- 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'

# December 8, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent



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