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Bulletin

November 27, 2016 1st Sunday of Advent 10:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“Make us bold in the darkness, to protect each other’s slumber and make us courageous in the night to guard each other’s dreams.” –Jan L. Richardson

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying” (J.S. Bach) -Carol Graham

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT “Until Jesus Comes” -Chancel Choir

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG** -UMH 211
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 1)

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** -Linda and Rollin Grider

The season of Advent is here. We begin our waiting and our journey toward home.

We are people of HOPE. We trust the light that guides us home and our God who has set the path.

We light the first candle of the season. We claim this sacred time for our family.

We will not be distracted! This is the season of Family, of Restoration and of Hope! Amen!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” -UMH 196

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 122 in the Old Testament* -Diane Biggs

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us.
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CALL TO PRAYER “Spirit of God Descend” (Atkinson, Ellingboe) -Chancel Choir
Rebecca Holzer, Clarinet

COMMUNITY PRAYER

O Living Christ, you were, you are, you come. Clothe us with garments of celebration, that we may be prepared for the feast of your reign. Keep us wakeful, that our lamps may ever burn in the vigil of your coming. Give us sight, that we may recognize the signs of your coming. And give us the strength to stand in your presence. So may all these things be, through your gracious spirit. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Like A Child” -FWS 2092



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SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

-UMH 895

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.

ANTHEM

"Waiting for the Light" (Price, Besig)

-Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 24:36-44* in the New Testament

-Diane Biggs

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THE MESSAGE

"Home, No More Home to Me"

-Rev. Frank Hallock

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *"Fantasy Piece"* (Schumann) -Rebecca Holzer, Clarinet/Carol Graham, Piano

***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious and abundant God, we thank you for the bounty of this past week and in our lives in general. Make us mindful of those whose lives are lived in scarcity, and help us to give generously of our blessings so that we may bless them, and receive your blessing. Strengthen our resolve to be the people of the gifting, not the taking. And in all of this, as we begin again the journey toward Bethlehem, grant us the grace and peace that finds its source in You. Amen

GOING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *"Behold A Broken World"* (Vs. 1,2 &6)

-UMH 426

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hyfrydol" (Willan)

-Carol Graham

**Please stand if you are able.*



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Clarinetist Rebecca Holzer is a senior at Redlands University majoring in Clarinet Performance. A native of Fallbrook, she has a musical family. Her mother, Cheryl is the organist at Fallbrook UMC. Sister Emily is a pianist/organist who has played at UMC Vista several times.

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Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.*

Flowers are given by Suzanne McMurchie with thanks to her church family.