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## United Methodist Church of Vista

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### Bulletin

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**December 4, 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:30 am**

#### **SILENT MEDITATION**

“God of the open window, the star-drenched sky, the gathering dawn; God of every creature that takes flesh and form from your own desire; when night is at its deepest, may I know the comfort of home beneath your welcoming wind, that when day comes to the window, I may gather up my dreams and fly.”

—Jan L. Richardson

#### **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** “Come, Redeemer of Mankind” (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. 2)

**\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** —Rev. Lanny and Jane Arrowsmith

The season of Advent is here. The stars pop in the night and call us toward home.

**We are people of Peace. We trust the Blessing of God, with Joy that is to come.**

We light the second candle of the season. We claim this sacred time to remember the justice of God as we wander the wilderness.

**Yes! It is God’s justice we crave and cling to. God, show us the prophets who will lead us home, to YOU!**

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” —UMH 213

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Isaiah 11:1-10 in the Old Testament* —Merry Nickerson

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**

##### **COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Gentle God, you know that for us, this is a season of hopes and fears. We are caught up in the work of the world. We worry about letting others down. We have a list of things that stress us out. For these moments of worship, we cast all of this out to you. Slow us down. Help us to place our anxiety in your hands. Open us to be channels of peace for the people around us. Through the grace of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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**PRAYER SONG**      *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*      -UMH 206

**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**      *“Who’s the Baby?”* (J. Gallina)      -Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Matthew 3:1-12 in the New Testament*      -Merry Nickerson

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**THE MESSAGE**      *“God’s Home”*      -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**      *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”* (Arr. Held)      -Carol Graham

**\*Doxology**      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Gracious God, we lift our voices to glorify you! You sent your Son Jesus to lead us in wisdom and mercy. His kindness to the poor and meek reveals the harmony of your heavenly kingdom. Help our church’s ministries to demonstrate your love for the world. We dedicate our tithes and offerings to bless people in our community who are searching for Christ’s abiding peace. We pray in his name. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**      -UMH 15-16

*All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. We receive communion by coming forward, taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate that to your usher, and communion will be brought to you. We use unfermented juice so all people may receive.*

**Hymns during Communion**

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”* Vs. 1-3      -UMH 626

*“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”*      -UMH 216



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### **GOING FORTH**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**    *“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”*    –UMH 236

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Lift Up Your Heads”* (Arr. Johnson)

-Carol Graham

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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Today: Video Tech: Philip Biggs; Sound Tech: Barbara Mitchell; and Acolyte(s): Stella and Grace

*Please complete the registration card found in the pew pocket and place in the offering.  
Prayers and comments may be written on the back of the card.*

*Flowers are given by Yoder, Proodian and Miller families  
in memory of Nancy and Vernon Swenson.*