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Bulletin

December 11, 2016
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:45 am

Thought for the day

“At the edges of our borders you wait...and when we learn to read the landscape of our fears, and when we come to know the terrain of every sorrow, then will we turn our fences into bridges and our borders into paths of peace.” -Jan L. Richardson

***Gathering Songs**

“The Spirit of the Lord”

“Bethlehem” W&S 3053

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Rev. Frank Hallock

***Advent Candle Lighting Song**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 3)

UMH 211

***Lighting the Advent Candle**

-Colleen, Kevin, Christian, Kendall, Carter and Cameron Guffey

The season of Advent is dragging on. Our feet are getting tired. Our spirits are starting to drag. Where is God?

We are people of Joy. We celebrate God’s creation even in this waiting.

We light the third candle of the season. This is time set aside for us to get home to God and prepare for the baby that will soon be delivered.

This waiting is always hard! We sing the songs and try to stay focused, but when will the baby come again to our world?!

***Song of Joy**

“Away in a Manger” UMH 217

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 in the Old Testament

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.

Time with Children

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.



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***Song Before Prayer**

“What Child Is This” UMH 219

Community Prayer

God of the wilderness, God of the wastelands of our lives, lead us apart to those places where we hear your word most clearly. In the startling awareness of Christ’s coming, may we order our lives with repentance and with compassion. Sift from our lives all useless chaff, that like good wheat into a barn, we may be gathered into the realm of your righteousness, through the grace of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Special Music

“93 Million Miles” (Jason Mraz)

Praise Band

Scripture

Luke 1:46-56 in the New Testament

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.

Message

“Traveling Home”

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Offering our Gifts

Song of Blessing (Doxology)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



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Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, thank you for the surprising ways that you bring salvation. You faithfully keep your covenant promises to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants. With Mary, we express deep gratitude for your help at unexpected turns in our lives. Give each of us a humble heart to serve you willingly and joyfully. Use these offerings to assist people who struggle with doubt or physical needs through the ministries of our church. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Song of Sending

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” UMH 224

Benediction

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction.

**Please stand if you are able.*



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This Sunday...

*Liturgist: Beth Brainerd Hallock; Acolyte(s): Leo and Taylor; Video Tech: Jake Henselmeier and Sound Tech: Trent Hamlin. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next Sunday...

Video Tech: Billy Stempson
Sound Tech: Dan Gubaton
Liturgist: Barbara Mitchell
Acolyte(s): Indiana and Michael

Flowers are given by:

***Al and Ranae Mathias in honor of their
32nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 22 and
Al's birthday on Dec. 10.***