

Welcome and Announcements
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lighting the Advent Candles

***Invitation**

O my soul, magnify the Lord. God is worthy to be praised.

***Call to Worship**

Our souls magnify the Lord.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things for us.

Holy is God's name.

God's mercy is ever near, from generation to generation.

**God's strength scatters the proud,
but lifts the humble of heart.**

God's love fills us up, nourishing our hungry souls.

**God's grace has called us here,
strengthening our lives of faith.**

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

***Opening Hymn**

216 – Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

***Opening Prayer**

**Mighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit
on all of us gathered here.**

**As we follow in Mary's footsteps,
open our hearts,
that we might be filled with your goodness
and your love.**

**Live in us,
that we might bear the Christ light
for all to see.**

**Overshadow us with your presence,
that we might truly be blessed
and offer your blessing of love to the world.
Amen.**

***Affirmation of Faith #881**

***Gloria Patri #70**

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

Children's Time

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Message

***Hymn of Response**

221 – In the Bleak Midwinter

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95**

****Closing Hymn**

202 – People, Look East

***Benediction**

May God strengthen you according to the gospel. May the proclamation of Jesus Christ dwell in your hearts and in your lives and may the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen

**Congregation is invite to rise in body or spirit.*

*** If you'd like to join this fellowship of the United Methodist Church please come forward during the Closing Hymn
- Benevolence Gifts can be left on alter rail.*

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.

UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

December 27, 2020 Lectionary Texts

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:22-40