

# Order of Celebration

December 9, 2018 ◆ 10:30 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

## GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Centering Music and Service of Lights

Lighting of the Advent Wreath                      The Candle of LOVE

\*Call to Worship

Leader:     Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ. At Christmas Jesus came as a baby. He came to be like us because he loves us.  
                 He came to save us from our sin.

**All:           Alleluia! Jesus is coming!**

\*Song:                      Hail to the Lord's Anointed                      UMH 203

\*Passing the Peace

Please greet one another with the words "Peace be with you".

Children's Message

Song for the Children:                      "Go Now in Peace"                      UMH 665

Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Fellowship Hall for "Kids Rock"

Call to Confession

Leader:     Arise, shine; for your light has come. O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.

**All:           Forgive us for not opening our eyes to see you. It's time that we prepare for your coming. We pray for your mercy and grace.**

Leader:     We are promised God's forgiveness when we ask. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of God's love.

## THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson     Isaiah 40: 1 - 11                      pg 879-80

Song                                      Emmanuel, Emmanuel                      UMH 204

Gospel Lesson                      Mark 1: 1 - 8                      pg 1214-15

Message                                      Preparing for God

## OUR RESPONSE

Offering Invitation

"What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give him, give him my heart."

Offertory Music                                      Choir Anthem

\*Doxology                                      UMH 95

**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.**

\*Dedication Prayer

**"We offer these gifts to you, O God. Help us to give as the wise men did so long ago. Fill our hearts with Your love. May these gifts of love bring comfort and joy to those in need. Amen."**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

\*Song                      Angels from the Realms of Glory                      UMH 220

Taking the Light to the World

Benediction

Pastor:      Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All:            Blessed be his glorious name forever; may God's glory fill the whole earth. Amen.**

Postlude

Please Join us for Coffee and Conversation in Fellowship Hall

\*Please stand as you feel comfortable



**Advent and Christmas**

**Dearborn Community**

**Food Pantry**

Saturday, December 15  
9-11am

**Christmas Eve Service**

*with candles & communion*

Monday, December 24th  
7:00 pm

**Ford Motor Co. Chorus Concert**

*Home for Christmas*

Sunday, December 16  
3:00 pm at Good Shepherd

**Joy Ride**

Deliver on Christmas Eve or  
Christmas Day

**Joy Ride Packaging**

December 23  
After service, 11:45 am

**Fifth Sunday Clothing Drive**

for Brightmoor  
Sunday, December 30



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