



December 2, 2018
8:30 am & 11:00 am
First Sunday of Advent

Greeting Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"
Judith Pearson, Organist

This is the day the Lord has made. (8:30 am) Fran Bostwick
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (11:00 am) Melanie Peffer

Lighting of the Advent Candle
(8:30 am) Judy Stout & Julianne Henry
(11:00 am) The Kenders Family

*Call to Celebrate
Who is the King of glory: What shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

*Song (8:30 am) "The King of Glory Comes" #2091

Special Music (11:00 am) "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
- Regney & Baker
Grace Notes, Dr. David Dunbar, Director

*Opening Prayer (Unison)
Holy God of Hope, give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent. As we worship together, we offer ourselves to you and we open ourselves to your abundant grace. Amen.

Special Music (8:30am) "Whispering Palms of Bethlehem" - Nix
Chancel Choir, Dr. David Dunbar, Director

*Song (11:00 am) "The King of Glory Comes" #2091

Children's Message Rev. Jeremiah Harris

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-24, *CEB*
Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Response: Amen.

Message Unlikely Heroes: Joseph Rev. Steve Goodier

Holy Communion Liturgy on the screen

Peeking Through *The Window*

Offering

Offertory "The Golden Carol" - arr. Wilson

* Thanksgiving and Praise (Tune: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)
All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you. And so we give, and so we share, and out of compassion, we give again. "Give out of love," our Bible encourages. May this act of sharing truly be a moment of selfless devotion. Amen.

*Song "Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus" - words on the screen

*Postlude "O, Sanctissima" - arr. Wilson

*People standing, as able. **Bold** type, response of the people

Music provided by



"Hosanna"

"Light the Fire"

Welcome

"The Heart of Worship"

God's Holy Word Matthew 1:18-24, *CEB*
Joel Woodward

Message Unlikely Heroes: Joseph
Rev. Steve Goodier

Communion

"Seed, Scattered and Sown"

Peeking through *The Window*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

"To Know You More"

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Prayers: Helen Fellows at The Suites in Fort Collins; Leah Sebade at North Shore. Pam Darrah, Karin Delaney, Susan Janke.

For more prayer concerns, visit our website:

www.fumcleveland.com

or

Complete the prayer request card located in the Friendship Pad at the end of each pew. You may place the card in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Missionaries: Dr. Steve & Rev. Alene Burgert, Emmanuel & Florence Mefor, Donna Pewo.

Attendance: 11/25/18 - 367

Gifts & Service: Thank you to Mark Kessler for installing a TV behind the altar in the chancel area for the choir. Also, thank you to everyone who helped decorate Coy Hall and the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Altar Flowers: Provided by Rev. Bob Link in loving memory of his wife, Gin and son and daughter-in-law, Dan & Holly Halliburton Link.

Acolytes: (8:30 am) Hayden Berdahl & Julianne Henry
(11:00 am) Kane & Molly Kenders

Large Print Bulletins & Hymnals are available from an usher.

Weekly Scripture Reading for the week of December 2-9

December 2 - Jeremiah 33:14

December 3 - Psalm 25:1, 4-6

December 4 - Romans 15:4

December 5 - Romans 15:13

December 6 - 2 Peter 3:8-9

December 7 - Philippians 1:3-11

December 8 - Luke 1:68-75

December 9 - Isaiah 40:1-11

Welcome to Worship!

Learning about FUMC: If you are new to this community and are interested in learning more about what we offer, speak to Rev. Jeremiah or any member of the staff. Keep an eye out for our bi-monthly *Next Steps Lunch* – it is a time to learn more about the church from the church staff. An informal lunch will be provided.

Parents -

Children are always welcome in worship! However if you feel more comfortable taking your child out of the sanctuary, there is a well-staffed nursery available as well as a “cry room” located above the sanctuary. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

Child Care: The nursery is located by the church office and is available for children ages infant – 5 years. Child care is always available during all worship services. In addition, if there is a meeting or program during the week you would like to attend, you may always request child care by contacting the church office or Ann Kessler 24 hours ahead of time.

Children’s Worship Bags: Pick up your bag from the rack at the back of the sanctuary and return it to an usher or place in the “Used Bags” bin near the rack after the service so they can be re-stuffed with fun for the next week.

Hearing Devices: Hearing devices are available during the worship service. Please ask an usher to assist you if you would like to use one.

Prayer Request Cards: Located within Friendship Folders, instructions for prayer options indicated on card.

Fellowship Hour: Coffee, pastries, breads and fruit are available in Coy Hall from 9:30 - 10:45 am. We invite you to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

Shawls at the end of the pews: Shawls may be used by anyone if you are feeling chilly. Please enjoy the warmth of these shawls that were made with love by women in the congregation.



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