

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Accept the offerings we bring this day, the work of our hands, the gifts of our labor, and our lives with which we serve you. Gladden our hearts as we watch for your coming and help us to share that gladness with all. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please see insert

As the ushers direct you, please come forward and receive a piece of bread from the server. Dip it into the juice, eat it, and then return to your seat. All who would respond to Christ's invitation are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the United Methodist tradition.

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY

Please know your prayer will be shared and noted on the weekly prayer page (available in the narthex) for two weeks. Please resubmit your prayer (on a yellow card) if necessary after that time. Please also be cognizant of the sensitivity some have and the confidentiality some desire in regard to their concerns. Thank you!

PRAYER RESPONSE

Emmanuel (#204)

Disciples and Sanctuary Choir

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

***CLOSING HYMN**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal # 196

***PASTORAL BLESSING**

CHORAL RESPONSE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (#211)

Disciples and Choir

POSTLUDE



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First Sunday of Advent

8:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

**Denotes, standing, for those comfortable and able.*

PRELUDE

(8:15)

Charlie de Mets, Organist

(11:00)

Drummer Boy

arr. Hermany

Lehman Ringers, Ruth Kuchinsky Smith, Director

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND *GREETING

Pastor Andy Krpata

Lehman Memorial UMC warmly welcomes you to worship today! As you are comfortable, please consider filling out the attendance pads so we might offer follow up hospitality. Also, please consider filling out the yellow prayer cards and place them in the offering so the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: The time is coming soon when the Lord shall pour his most special blessing on the earth.

People: **We want to be ready. What should we do?**

Pastor: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God's Word.

People: **Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all of your blessings.**

Pastor: Come, let us celebrate God's love for us.

People: **Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Love, O Lord.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation. Help us to experience an alternative Advent, that we might be ready to receive your message and gift of love, and that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymnal #185

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Members of the youth Sunday School class

Prayer: Thank you God for the hope you give us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to wait with hopeful anticipation, and to do your will by sharing your hope with the world. We ask it in the name of the One who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beverly Lawless, 8:15; Bob Beck, 11:00

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible (NT) pg. 162

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

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Drummer Boy

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(11:00)

Noel Peace Canon

Schram

Disciples and Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Kuchinsky Smith, Director

SECOND READING

Matthew 24:26-44

Pew Bible (NT) pg. 27

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

***AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION**

We believe that God has come to us;

has brought us into being,

has given us breath and purpose,

has blessed us to be a blessing to others,

and has loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;

to be with us and not to leave us alone,

to come to us as a particular human being,

to be known to us in flesh and bone like ours,

and to give us a new birth in Christ Jesus.

We believe that God will come to us;

to have the final word and that Word will be good,

to be the presence of the Spirit in us to continue God's mission,

to call new disciples to come from all the corners of the earth,

and in the last days to dry our tears and comfort our pain forever.

SERMON

The First Alternative: In, Not Of

Pastor Andy

***HYMN**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 1 & 2)

Hymnal #626

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

We invite you to fill out a prayer card and place it and your offering into the plates as they are passed. Please include your estimate of give card for 2020 if you have not yet offered it.

***OFFERTORY**

(8:15)

Charlie de Mets, Organist

(11:00)

Duett for Trombone and Double Bass

Catie Smith and Noah Smith

***PROCESSION OF GIFTS**

The Doxology

Hymnal No. 95