

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 28th- 6pm Youth group @ St. Stephens

Dec. 1st- 7-8:30pm Advent Bible Study in person & on ZOOM

Dec. 2nd- Worship committee 10am

Dec. 4th- ALS Choir performs downtown at 6:30

Dec. 8th- 7-8:30pm Advent Bible Study

Dec. 12th- St Stephens Youth Group Party

Dec. 13th 6:15pm Finance & 7pm Ad Council meeting

Dec. 15th- 7-8:30pm Advent Bible Study

Dec. 15th- Book Club

The **Advent Study** "The Light of the World" By Amy-Jill Levine Wednesday nights from 7-8:30pm starting **Wednesday Dec. 1st** on Zoom and at the church.

(FISH is in need of plastic grocery bags)

Our Mission Statement

Longview United Methodist Church

A welcoming sanctuary with the mission to live, learn and share God's love for all creation.

We encourage each individual in their spiritual journey as they become a disciple for Jesus Christ.



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Sunday, November 28th, 2021
First Sunday of Advent



"Making Room Hope"
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

We Open the Door/Lighting of the Advent Candle

"Hope Waits for Us at Advent"
By Amanda Ubis-Kessler

**Hope waits for us at Advent
Hope waits for us to trust.**

**Hope waits for our commitment
to a land that's kind and just.**

**In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
that heals the ones in pain.
Hope is born in us again!**

Today we offer the Light of Hope to illumine the Door of Welcome.
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.
May Hope awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater
hospitality.
There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

The Peace

The Hope of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Opening Hymn/Song

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH #203
by James Montgomery

First Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David’s line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Anthem

“The Manger is Stranger”
By Amanda Ubis-Kessler

Second Reading

Psalms 25: 4-5 (CEB)

Make your ways known to me, Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—
because you are the God who saves me.
I put my hope in you all day long.

Thoughts from the Pastor on Hope

Prayers of the People

“Make of My Heart a Stable”
By Amanda Ubis-Kessler

**Make of my heart a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for hope to live and grow.**

...We pray this in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to pray:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Creator, in heaven,
Help us to honor your Name.
Come and set up your kingdom,
So that everyone on earth will do your will,
as your will is done in heaven.
Give us our food for today.
Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.
Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen

A Story of Innkeeping: Offering Blessing

Closing Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH #230
by Phillips Brooks & Lewis H. Redner

An original verse not included in our hymnals
is especially poignant for our theme:

“Where children pure and happy
Pray to the blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the Mother mild;
Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.”

Benediction

May God’s Door of Welcome
swing open in your heart and in your life.

May Christ’s humble first dwelling
remind you of the plenty you already know.

And may the Spirit lead you into
more possibility and hospitality than you can imagine,
making room in The Inn for all.

May it be so for you.
May it be so for us.
May it be so for this church.
Amen.

Postlude