

SENDING FORTH

*SENDING HYMN

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UMH #

*BENEDICTION

Brothers and sisters, our Advent journey has begun! Go from this place worshipping the one who brings forth light and love, joy and hope. God with peace. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit

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1st Sunday of Advent

Baptism~ Jett Jack Nehls

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance on the pew cards.
Stand and greet one another in Christian Love.

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN "" UMH #

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: It is a joy to enter the house of the Lord!

People: Here we catch a glimpse of light, a promise of hope and new life.

Leader: Here we wait for the birth of the one who will teach us how to love and serve.

People: It is a joy to enter the house of the Lord! Come and praise God!

*OPENING PRAYER:

God of hope, we come before you full of expectation for what lies ahead. We are excited about the birth of Christ, but we know there is much to do before this baby arrives. The house needs to be prepared- a house in our hearts, where your grace may enter. A people needs to pray- a people longing for peace, that reconciliation may take hold in our world. Alight needs to be turned on- a light of holy love, that we may reflect your glory. God of new life, prepare our hearts and lives, that we may wait with joy and hope for the birth of your Son. Amen.

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in the coming of the Light that shatters all darkness and brings love to all people.

We believe in peace, and that one day all nations shall enter the house of God, where love and mercy flow like a mighty river.

We believe in a hope that casts out fear.

We believe that we are called to welcome one another, just as Christ has welcomed us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit helps us live in harmony with one another, and prepare our hearts and our lives for the birth of a child who is called "Prince of Peace," "Emmanuel," "God with us."

Amen.

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ANTHEM Senior Choir

BAPTISM Jett Jack Nehls

CHILDREN'S TIME

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Prayer for Illumination:

Let the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our Rock and our Redeemer.

Lessons:

Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:18-25

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

SERMON "Wonderful Counselor"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "" UMH #

OFFERING

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Holy One, take these gifts and turn them into merciful actions for your children everywhere. May these gifts be the spark that allows others to walk in your light, and dwell in your love. Amen.