

Trumansburg United Methodist Church
December 9th, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

✚ Color: Purple



Come in.

*Come into this place which we make special by our presence.
Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified, the human
is celebrated, the compassionate is expected.*

*Come into this place.
Together we make it a holy place.*

Musical Call to Worship

Ritual of Friendship and Welcome

News of the Congregation

*We will observe a moment of silence as we turn our hearts
towards God.*

Prelude

Greeting:

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

L: Christ is coming,

P: and is already here.

L: God will perfect us,

P: and is already doing so.

L: Christ will guide us,

P: and is guiding us now.

L: Light shines in the darkness,

P: each and every day.

L: This is the challenge of our lives:

P: Christ's realm is now and not yet.

L: This is the promise we know:

P: God is with us today and all days.

Thanks be to God for this glorious gift!

*Hymn:

"O Day of God Draw Nigh"

#730

Found in the red hymnal

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Ken Welch & Tina Stanton)

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

***Opening Prayer:** Holy God, refine us with your mercy and love. Purify us with your compassion and grace. Guide us from our aimless wandering, that we might walk in your ways and live in your truth. Refine us, that we may be people of mercy and love. Purify us, that we may be people of compassion and grace. In your gracious love, we pray. Amen. (silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Praying Together

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father who 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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

Gospel Reading:

Luke 3:1-6

(pg. 1562-1563 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory

***Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn:** “Once in David’s Royal City” #250
Found in the red hymnal

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
(pg. 1460-1461 in the pew Bible)

Leader: Hear what the scripture says to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Jeff Losey

***Hymn:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #213
Found in the red hymnal

***Benediction**

✠✠✠ *Making the “sign of the cross” is a prayer in motion that many use during the benediction.* ✠✠✠

“Offering Our Estimate of Giving”



**You are invited to stand if you are able.*

GREETERS: Carl & Peg Benham

MUSIC: Francine & Jack Darling & the Choir

ALTAR GUILD REPRESENTATIVE: Joan Organ

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE
AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE.**

**HEARING ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE VIA HEADPHONES
(ASK A “GREETER”) OR BY USING THE “TELEPHONE”
SETTING OF YOUR HEARING AID.**