

Prelude

Welcoming

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ shall come, God's gift to the world:

People: That the desperate shall find hope, that the persecuted shall find peace, that the lonely shall find love, and that the dejected should find joy.

All: O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come!

Lighting the Advent Candle: Hope

Hymn: People, Look East 202

People look east. The time is near

Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair

As you are able,

Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,

One more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength

The seed to nourish,

That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
One more light the bowl shall brim.
Shinning beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Announcements (announcements and prayer requests can be called in to the church office and they will be shared from the pulpit—during the service you may text Pastor Casey at 315-858-8864 or email him at caseybradley@gmail.com)

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, we come into a new Advent carrying old baggage. We wait beside the manger with restless hearts. We risk missing the momentous changes that are taking place right before our eyes. Clear our hearts and minds, O Lord, that we may lift up glad tidings to the Son of God being born in our midst. For the old world is passing away, we desire to join with those watching for the dawning of the new creation. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Scripture Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: Advent's Story—A Story of Hope

Affirmation of Faith (Written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing - www.stephenmfearing.com)

**We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.**

**We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"**

Community Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference,
As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us,
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.

Benediction

Church Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the back of the Sanctuary as you exit. You can also mail offerings to Church of Christ Uniting or use our online giving platform at <https://rschurchofchristuniting.com/>

2nd Mile giving for the month of November is the Neighborhood Center

~~~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~~~

Joan Ames, The Amyotte family, Joyce Astheimer, Lindsay Barton, Raymond Bowns, Joanne & Richard Brown, Pat Walsh Cole, Jenna Desmarais, Shirley Dreis, AnnMarie Gardner, Fred Gardner, Robert Hazelton, the Helms family, Oakley Ann Iverson, Dayton Kane, Linda Klink, Jan Lalor, Lindsey Lucas, Maryanna Maniscalsco, Dawn Myers, Ray Nassar, Les and Bev Olmsted, Marty Phillips, Mort Robertson, Rowena Robertson, Peter Rossi, Melissa Santos, Barb Sluyter, Nellie Smith, Pam Smith, Tim Snyder, Dustin Testa, Linda Travers, Kathy Tumyo, Betsy & Paul Varcarolis, Holly & Patricia Walsh, Jake Wells, Jason Wilbur, Linda Winsor, Mike Wolfe

