

*Salem in Ballwin  
United Methodist Church*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 1, 2019 10:00 AM

Please sign the registration pad at the end of the pew and pass it to the next person.



THOUGHT UPON ENTERING

WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

**People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Leader: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

**People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Leader: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

**People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Leader: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

**People: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Gracious Lord, we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth as our Wonderful Counselor. As we begin our Advent journey, help us to know the abiding hope that comes from knowing that you will keep your promises to us. May we radiate that hope in everything we say and do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #626**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**A PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASPIRATION** (unison)

**God of the Past, in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger calling for repentance to prepare human hearts for the coming of Christ. We rejoice that through the centuries that message of hope has brought confidence and joy to people. God of the Present, even now you are among us. Forgive**

us that often we have failed to discern your presence with us and have felt deserted and alone. Make strong in our hearts the faith that enables us to live serenely and triumphantly. God of the Future, you have promised that Christ’s reign is coming. Teach us to live in expectation, that what we are and do today may be anchored in the certainty of your tomorrow. Through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Have confidence in God’s past promises, God’s present forgiveness, and God’s intended future for us.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM** “Light of Peace” - Chancel Choir

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**ESPISTLE READING**

Romans 8:18-25 (J. B. Phillips)

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #620**

“One Bread, One Body”

**MESSAGE** “Hope Floats” Pastor Ken Gottman

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

## \*DOXOLOGY

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

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (UMH p. 10)

*(We practice open communion. You do not have to be a member of Salem, or a United Methodist in order to receive the sacrament. Go forward to the altar rail when indicated by the ushers. Kneel or stand to receive then return to your seat, giving thanks to God.)*

\*CLOSING HYMN #2095 "Star-Child"

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Gottman

## POSTLUDE

All are welcome at Fellowship  
immediately following the service in Duff Hall.

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## *We're Here to Serve You*

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## *Serving Today*

**Ushers** - Steve Gregory, Cathy Gregory, David Welch

**Liturgist** - Deb Gaebelein

**Fellowship Coordinator** - Charlotte Meshell

**Video/Audio** - Bill Schrader

## *Coming up Next Week*

### Monday, December 2

Trustees 5:30 pm  
Woodcarvers 7:00 pm Duff Hall

### Tuesday, December 3

Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Duff Hall

### Wednesday, December 4

Prayer Group 5:45 pm  
Choir 7:00 pm

### Thursday, December 5

Hearts & Hands 9:30 am Duff Hall  
Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

### Friday, December 6

Scouts 6:30 pm Duff Koinonia

## *We believe in the Power of Prayer*

### Our Members Needing Prayers

Miles Stewart; Gary Holt; Charlotte Meshell; Jeanne Williams; Peggy Araki; Mike Groves; Roger Crabtree; Betty Caswell; Donna Flora; Velma Buermann; Lila Poertner; Wayne and Virginia Jordan;

### Our Family and Friends Needing Prayers

Beth Earnest; The Godsey's son and Jana Jones brother Alan; George Vitela's brother; Alice Krechel's brother Lawrence; Bob Antoine's sister-in-law Pat;

### Our Community

The turmoil in the UMC; All people fighting cancer and other diseases; The Ballwin Police Department and all First Responders; Francisco Queniasse, our seminary student in Mozambique; all dealing with mental health issues; The Fold Children's Home

### Those in our Armed Forces

Michael Suozzi is in the Navy and is currently stationed in San Diego; Kyle Roe is stationed in Yankeetown, Florida with the Coast Guard.

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