

*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

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.”
Isaiah 40:2 KJV Adversity and sorrows do come into daily living as just a part of life; often accompanied by feelings of darkness, loneliness and despair. How easy to forget that we are not alone. God does not promise to take trouble away. God loves unconditionally, embracing us through sorrow. God’s light of love has come. Speak love. Live love.

WELCOME

ADVENT 2 CANDLE LIGHTING Jana Jones

PRELUDE Saxophone and Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

Leader: We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

People: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

Leader: We wait for the one who can replace hate with love and anger with understanding.

People: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

Leader: We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

People: And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Gracious Lord, we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth to be our Prince of Peace.

As we continue our Advent journey, grant us the peace that comes from trusting in your grace, and relying on your promises. Help us spread this peace through all the things we say and all the things we do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #384**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

A PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASPIRATION (unison)

God of steadfast love, how impatient we are with you, with each other, and with ourselves! We do not live as those who recognize your reign on earth, though we are again celebrating its arrival. We speak of love and peace on earth but ignore the realities and needs of our brothers and sisters in the global community.

We earnestly repent and are sorry in our hearts for these shortcomings and misdeeds. We ask your forgiveness. Please give us the vision, strength, and will to expect and live in your dynamic, caring, and brooding presence—Now! 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 “Carol for Advent” - Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (Today’s English Version)

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

ESPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:14-23 (RSV)

***APOSTLES CREED #881**

CHRISTMAS CAROL #229

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

MESSAGE

“Dimensions of Love”
Pastor Ken Gottman

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC Saxophone and Piano

*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

*CLOSING CHRISTMAS CAROL #249

“There’s a Song in the Air”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Saxophone and Piano

Saxophonist Shelley Layton and pianist Evelyn Archer are with us again today! Their music was so inspiring in November, we worked out a return date during the Advent/Christmas season. WELCOME BACK!

The generous donors to the Rose Koch and Esther Smith Music Fund support our guest musicians.

THANK YOU!

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

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Serving Today

Ushers - Deb Gaebelin, Kim Mandrell,
Jack Beverlin, Diana Hughes

Liturgist - Jana Jones

Fellowship Coordinator - Charlotte Meshell

Video/Audio - Bill Schrader

Saxophone - Shelley Layton

Piano - Evelyn Archer

Coming up Next Week

Monday, December 9

UMM's Christmas Dinner 7:00 pm Duff Hall

Tuesday, December 10

Bits and Pieces 6:00 pm Duff Hall

Wednesday, December 11

Prayer Group 5:45 pm

Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 12, 13

Set up and baking for Cookie Festival Duff Hall

Saturday, December 14

UMW's Cookie Festival 8:00-Noon Duff Hall

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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