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Mentor United Methodist Church

December 1, 2019  
First Sunday of Advent

The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence  
and the royalty of Christ.

### GATHERING

**Prelude** "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach  
Amy Bender, organist

**Lighting of the Candles** **Presentation of God's Holy Word**

Please sign and pass the attendance pad  
that you find at the end of each pew.  
If you are joining us for the first time today,  
please complete the blue sheet.

Assisting the ushers today are Ian and Nate Partee (9:00) and  
Nicholas Neibecker (11:00).

### Welcome and Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Mary - Humble Servant of Hope  
9:00 The Alafi Family 11:00 Marye Etta Fairchild-Reed

\* **Call to Worship** *Isaiah 9:2-5* Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist  
Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those  
living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

**People: You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they  
rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors  
rejoice when dividing the plunder.**

Leader: For you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar  
across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

**People: Every warrior's boot used in battle and every military garment  
will be destined for burning. They will be fuel for the fire.**

\* *Members of the congregation stand if able.*

### \* Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### \* Prayer of Dedication

\***Hymn of Preparation 196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"  
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**Scripture Reading** New Testament page 723 Luke 1:26-38  
9:00 Abby Colbow 11:00 Payton Bellus

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Stable Relationship: Mary Rev. Quincy Wheeler

### \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Service of Holy Communion** UMH 12

### SENDING FORTH

\* **Hymn 211** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

### \* Pastoral Benediction

\* **Postlude** "Allegro" from Concerto in a minor Antonio Vivaldi

**\* Prayer** (unison)

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**Worship Through Music** "Buree" J.S. Bach  
Woodwind Quartet  
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Debbie Deal, clarinet, Carol Chenoweth, bassoon

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
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as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
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Amen.

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