



Mentor United Methodist Church

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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

GATHERING

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Wilbur Held
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.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Beverly Wrobel

Lighting Of The Advent Candle
9:00 Partee Family
11:00 Gainar Family

First Sunday - God is Expectant
As we begin this Advent season, we are filled with expectations. What will God do this year? How will He answer our prayers? How will He fulfill our needs? Whatever those answers end up being, we know that God has fulfilled all of our expectations by sending us Jesus. In Him, we find all that we could ever desire.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6
Today, we light the candle of hope, in expectation of Jesus' coming again in our hearts this Christmas.

* **Hymn 211** (vs. 1) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* **Prayer** (unison)
Advent is a story of hope and mystery, anticipation, preparation, and a king appearing when we least expect. Heaven touching earth, the footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads as once they did in Eden, and a people, searching for a Savior, and walking past the stable. Open eyes and hearts, that this might be an Advent of anticipation and hope to the world. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 203** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" ELLACOMBE

(11:00) see insert **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**
Everly Rae Vitantonio, born July 1, 2017
Daughter of Bryan and Shaina Vitantonio

Anthem 9:00 "Of The Father's Love Begotten" arr. Sandra Eithun
Canticle Bells
11:00 "A Light Will Shine!" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

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.

The Pastor Addresses the Parents:

Bryan and Shaina, on behalf of the whole church I ask you, do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

Bryan and Shaina, will you nurture Everly Rae in Christ's Holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

The Pastor Addresses the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Response: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child and her parents, now before you in your care?

Response: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Pastor: Everly Rae, I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we pledge to surround you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the Mentor United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory 9:00 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Canticle Bells

11:00 "Blessed Is The Lord"
Chancel Choir Dan Forrest

*** 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**

Scripture Reading Old Testament page 500 Isaiah 25:6-9

Sermon "Under Wraps -God is Expectant" Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Service Of Holy Communion UMH 12

Invitation
Confession and Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 196** "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

*** Pastoral Benediction**

*** Postlude** "A Festival Fanfare" from The Fourth Concerto J. S. Bach

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Altar flowers are presented by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Palmer and family
in loving memory of Mildred and Dave Palmer.

Lectern flowers are presented by Doris Diemert
in memory of Donald Diemert from all his loving family.

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an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy
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