

Mentor United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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

GATHERING

Prelude "Puer Natus Est" Everett Titcomb
Carol Haines, organist

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit "This Little Light of Mine"
Cherub Choir

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. Bruce Becker

Lighting Of The Advent Candles

9:00 Parkinson Family
11:00 Tom & Sharon Erbaugh

Second Sunday -

On this second Sunday of Advent, we remember that when Jesus came, it caused immense disruption and chaos. For Mary and Joseph who had to change their life plans, for Herod who feared a challenger to his throne, to the Jewish people who expected a different sort of Messiah. In Jesus, God was upending the old order of things and doing something new.

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." – John 3:17 and 1 John 3:8

Today, we re-light the candle of expectant hope and light the candle of joy, rejoicing in the knowledge that God loved us enough to risk becoming a human being and enduring suffering and death for us.

* **Hymn 211** (vs. 2) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* **Prayer** (unison)

God, on this second Sunday of Advent we seek to know you better. You entered our world and things changed. You have a way of disrupting things. Help us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, our Lord, the light of the world. Illuminate our waiting and watching, our praying, thinking and our acting with the light of the gospel so that we may produce the fruit of joy. O God, giver of inexplicable joy, speak to us today, and may we take the message of this season to a world filled with dark shadows. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 220** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

Anthem "Children, Get Ready" Bailey & Mayo
Children's Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading New Testament pages 681;688 Matthew 2:1-3; 10:34-39
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Under Wraps -God is Disruptive" Rev. Quincy Wheeler

Confession and Pardon (unison)

Lord, I am sorry for how lightly I have treated your grace. I repent of my tendency to see my relationship with you as expendable. I give you permission to do what you want to do in my life. Disrupt me, change me, disturb me, save me. I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Only Son and our Only Hope, Amen.

* **Hymn 193** "Jesus! the Name High Over All" GRAFENBERG

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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory "A Christmas Canon" arr. Donald Moore
Children's Choir with Rebekah Denton, flute

Altar flowers are presented by Marye Etta Fairchild Reed
in memory of granddaughter Holly Flynn's birthday.

*** 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!

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in appreciation of Cindy Klein to thank her for ten years
of outstanding service as the Board of Trustees' Secretary.

* Prayer of Dedication

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an anniversary, or offer them to the Glory of God, please contact Kathy
Fellows at 440-255-5899.

THANKSGIVING

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn 190** "Who is He in Yonder Stall?" WHO IS HE

* Pastoral Benediction

*** Postlude** "From Heaven High to Earth I Come" J. Pachelbel

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

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