

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 3, 2017

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

**Congregation will stand, as able.*

Please take time to greet and welcome each other in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Abide in Me”...“Love One Another”...“Bear Fruit”

Prelude

Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, our Lord and our God; we thank you for forming us in your image at the day of our creation, and for re-forming us anew each and every day. Help us to be attentive to Your presence. Open our ears to hear you. Open our eyes to see you. Speak to our hearts and shine in our lives, that your presence may shimmer in our lives and that your love may emanate from us, now and forevermore. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” **UMH #196**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

***Gospel Reading:** Mark 13:24-37

Liturgist: The Word of God to the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Advent Kyrie”

Stewardship Moment: **Doug Gaylor**

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” (Sing 3 times) **UMH #207**

***The Doxology** **UMH #95**

*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.*

*Prayer of Dedication

God of promise and hope, we take time this morning to share offerings of time, talent, and treasure. We present ourselves to you, knowing you are the source of all good gifts. Your word reminds us that we do not know the day or hour when our faithfulness will be called into account. We pray that we might live each day and each moment striving for lives of love and compassion for the least, lowliest, and the lost, in a way that is pleasing to you. We pray this in the name of the Christ, whose coming calls us to preparation and repentance. Amen

Children’s Moment and Lighting of the Advent Candle: (Verse 1) **FWS #2090**
(Lisa Grace)

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Hymn of Preparation: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” **UMH #382**

The Good News: **Les Hazelton**

The Pastoral 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.

***Recessional Hymn:** “My Lord, What a Morning”

UMH #719

*Commission and Blessing: (Responsive)

Watch and pray, seeking the strength Christ offers.

Live as thankful stewards of God's gifts.

Our souls are lifted up to trust in God;

our spirits rejoice to learn God's ways.

Those who are humble will discern new paths.

For God is teaching us, day by day.

Secure in God's love, we venture with confidence.

We are willing to try a new way of being.

God's steadfast love never fails.

God will keep covenant and lead us in all truth.

We will look for signs that God's realm is near;

we will rely on God's word to guide us. Amen. Amen.

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The flowers on the altar are given by Beverly R. and Joseph W. Emsley in loving memory of M. Marguerite Smith Reynolds on her birthday, and of her parents Samuel F. and Sarah C. Agor Smith, and of her grandparents Samuel F. and Susan Barger Smith

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Hosts: Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Maxine Haigh and Linda Purcell

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec

Today: 3-6:00 p.m. Trim-A-Tree

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Women’s Small Group GP Room

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday: Bible Study Groups: 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. GP Room

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Small Group 2, 11-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group Chapel

Friday: 10:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause GP Room

7:30 p.m. Open Secuela Sanctuary & GP Room

Next Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

After worship, Youth Planning Meeting

1:00 p.m. Caroling Nursing Home