

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Pastor Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
Music Director Rob Gutowski
Organist Alex Shkoda
Liturgist Annette Reynolds

December 10, 2017 10:30 a.m. Second 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)

Righteous and Holy God, your glory is revealed to us day by day as valleys of despair are lifted up and mountainous problems are leveled. In your presence, we see more than our immediate situation. We catch a glimpse of your eternal purposes. So come among us now and speak your word of peace. Free us with your truth and equip us to welcome Christ's coming. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH #211

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

*Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “A Tiny Light”

Stewardship Moment: Cliff Cullum

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “The First Song of Isaiah” (Sing 2 times) FWS #2030

*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

While we are waiting and preparing for Christ to appear, we are seeking, O God, to act as faithful followers. May our offerings extend the promise of salvation to people whose lives are broken by neglect, abuse, bad choices, and sinful ways. May these gifts offer hope to all whose suffering and loss seem too heavy to bear. May our church be a listening, caring presence for all its members, and through us for all those we meet in our work and leisure. Amen.

Children's Moment and Lighting of the Advent Candle: (Verses 1, 2) FWS #2090

(Rachel Ward Pinto)

(Children will go to Sunday School)

Special Solo: “In the Bleak Midwinter” Hank Schrot

The Good News: Pastor Iwy

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: “Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

UMH #203

*Commission and Blessing:

Announce the good news of Jesus Christ.

Prepare the way for Christ's witness to be heard.

Christ brings hope for true peace to all people.

God is patiently waiting for us to claim this gift.

Lead lives of holiness and godliness;

Enjoy treasures of heaven and earth that God offers.

God's Word brings us both comfort and challenge.

We are accepted by God and commissioned for duty.

You will be fed and blessed on life's way.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit will empower you.

We turn our hearts and minds toward God.

We rejoice that we can be servants in Christ's name. Amen. Amen.

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The flowers on the altar are given by the Schoonmaker Family “To our Dear Dad (Teepa), Happy Birthday in Heaven, May the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear. How much we love and miss you, and wish that you were here. Rest well until we meet again, oh what a glorious day. In all His wondrous power the Lord will guide our way. Missing you always, Patti, Debbie, Karl, Jessica, Christina, Marissa and your little man Jayden.”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Hosts: Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Marilyn and Glen Bucher

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec

Today: 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

After worship, Youth Planning Meeting

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Caroling – Nursing Home

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

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

10:30 a.m. Small Group 1

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

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

8:00 a.m. Men's Group; 9:30 a.m. Small Group Leaders

1:00 p.m. Caroling at JV Mall

We welcome all visitors and are happy you chose our church to worship. Please fill out the visitor card in the pews and indicate if you would like the Pastor to call on you. If you are interested in joining our church, please talk to Maxine Haigh, Pastor Iwy or call the office. **Attention, parents of young children:** On the back shelf, there are liturgical activity sheets for the children that are linked with morning worship. Please feel free to get one for your child.

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