

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 17, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Third 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)

Loving God, we rejoice in this season of anticipation as we remember your promises and look forward to ways that you reveal yourself to us. May your presence be real to us in this hour. Strengthen us for victories over temptation, for renewal of our love for you and one another, for leadership and service in your church. We give thanks that you have called us into community and commissioned us to make a difference in the world. Equip us here for the tasks you set before us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” **UMH #220**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

***Gospel Reading:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem: “What Child Shall Come”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

The Offertory: “Lead Me Lord” **UMH #473**

***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

In our unworthiness, O God, may we yet bring worthy gifts to honor the Messiah. May the brokenhearted be led to enriching new celebrations. May the lowly among us come to know their true worth as persons chosen by you to do great things. By your mercy, may the hungry be fed not only with bread but also with opportunities to feed others. We give ourselves as your servants, for no gift is complete without personal commitment. Thank you, God, for expecting great things of us. Our spirits rejoice in the coming of our Savior. Amen.

Youth Ministry:

Children’s Moment and Lighting of the Advent Candle: (Verses 1, 2, 3) **Kelley Horton**
FWS #2090

(Lisa Grace)

(Children will go to Sunday School)

***Hymn of Preparation:** “Christ is the World’s Light” **UMH #188**

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:** “People, Look East” **UMH #202**

*Commission and Blessing:

Rejoice always and pray without ceasing.

Give thanks to God, whatever your circumstances.

God has done great things for us.

We rejoice that we are part of God’s family.

Listen for the word of the prophets.

Be open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God has come to us.

We have a mission to accomplish for God.

God is faithful and will stand by you.

You are valued in God’s covenant community.

We are filled with joy as we go out to serve.

We are thankful for the good news we carry. Amen. Amen.

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Karen Beaumont
“In memory of her husband Don and her grandson Trevor”*

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour Hosts: Dianne Benincasa, Jean Engel, Sharon Krueger, Annette Reynolds

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Beth Gilleo and Don Hoffmann

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec

Today: **1:00 p.m. Caroling at JV Mall**

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

7:30 p.m. Vision Table 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**

7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service Chapel

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

Saturday: **10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pageant Practice (pizza for lunch)**

Next Sunday: **During worship, Christmas Pageant**

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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