

# United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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Pastor  
Music Director  
Organist

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri  
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December 31, 2017

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Christmas

\*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”*

## Service of Lessons and Carols

### Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.

### Opening Prayer

Open us, O God, to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind with the shepherds to Bethlehem to see the glorious redemption you have brought to pass through the Newborn lying in a manger. Amen.

<b>Anthem</b>	<b>“Go Tell the News”</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>FIRST LESSON:</b>	<b>Genesis 3:8-15, 17-24</b>	<b>Pastor Iwy</b>
<b>CAROL:</b>	<b>“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”</b>	<b>UMH #196</b>
<b>SECOND LESSON:</b>	<b>Genesis 22:15-18</b>	<b>John Krueger</b>
<b>CAROL:</b>	<b>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Verses 1 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>UMH #211</b>
<b>THIRD LESSON:</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:2, 6-7</b>	<b>Sharon Krueger</b>
<b>CAROL:</b>	<b>“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”</b>	<b>UMH #229</b>
<b>FOURTH LESSON:</b>	<b>Micah 5:2-5a</b>	<b>Les Hazelton</b>
<b>CAROL:</b>	<b>“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Verses 1 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>UMH #230</b>
<b>FIFTH LESSON:</b>	<b>Luke 1:26-35, 38</b>	<b>Fran Davies</b>
<b>CAROL:</b>	<b>“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (Verses 1 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>UMH # 218</b>
<b>SIXTH LESSON:</b>	<b>Luke 2:1-7</b>	<b>Jill Clockadale</b>
<b>SOLO:</b>	<b>“O Holy Night”</b>	<b>John Krueger</b>
<b>SEVENTH LESSON:</b>	<b>Luke 2:8-16</b>	<b>Kathy Casey</b>
<b>CAROL:</b>	<b>“Sing We Now of Christmas” (Verses 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>UMH #237</b>
<b>Children’s Moment:</b>		<b>Pastor Iwy</b>
<b>EIGHTH LESSON:</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-11</b>	<b>Rachel Pinto</b>
<b>Offering of Gifts and Tithes</b>		<b>Rachel Pinto</b>
<b>The Offertory:</b>	<b>“We Three Kings” (Verses 1 &amp; 2)</b>	<b>UMH #254</b>
<b>*The Doxology</b>		<b>UMH #95</b>

*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

Generous God, how precious is your gift of salvation through the babe born in a manger. May our songs of praise proclaim the light of Christ to a world dwelling in darkness. Bless our offerings so that Christ’s love may be shared with others. Amen.

### NINTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

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.*

### CAROL:

“Joy to the World” (Verses 1 & 4)

UMH # 246

### \*Commission and Blessing

Sing a new song to the God of our salvation.

Declare God’s glory by the way we live.

**We want our lives to be songs of praise.**

**We want to communicate the joy we have found.**

God’s truth and righteousness will prevail.

The child of Bethlehem will lead us.

**We will follow where Christ leads.**

**Glory to God and peace on earth! Amen. Amen**

### Postlude:

Selected Hymns

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Grace Reynolds  
“In honor of Logan, Russ, Betsy, and Annette’s birthdays”  
and the Sundeep Family*

*“In memory of Sundeep’s dad who passed away last year. May God bless his soul.”*

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<b>Acolytes:</b>	Children of the Church
<b>Coffee Hour Host:</b>	Jill Clockadale
<b>Crib &amp; Toddler Care:</b>	Bonnie Hutta
<b>Greeters:</b>	Don Hoffmann and Joan Prentice
<b>Ushers:</b>	Patricia Scozzari, Debbie Vesuvio, and Pat Golanec
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>New Year’s Day</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Bible Study Groups: 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. GP Room</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Small Group 1</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Small Group 2, 11-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group Chapel</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Crafts for a Cause GP Room</b>
<b>Friday-Saturday:</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Youth Group Lock-In GP Room</b>
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>After worship, New Year’s Brunch and Mission Conversation</b>
	<b>See sign up sheet in GP Room.</b>

We welcome you to worship! You have blessed us with your presence. 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. Children are invited to attend Sunday School after Children’s Moment. **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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