

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.

**Please rise in body and/or spirit.*

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

HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY/FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"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):

God of the covenant, in obedience and trust, we approach you. Day by day, your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare ourselves and our communities for Christ's coming. Equip us now to worship you with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading: Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Advent Kyrie" Les Hazelton

Stewardship Moment: Les Hazelton

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" (Sing 3 times) UMH #207

***The Doxology**

*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, thank you for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

Children's Moment: Lisa Grace

Lighting of the Advent Candle: (Verse 1) FWS #2090

Service of Holy Communion:

(Communion Hymns: UMH #618, #174)

(Children will go to Sunday school)

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:** "There's Something About that Name" (Sing 3 times)

UMH #171

***Commission and Blessing:**

Watch and pray, seeking the strength Christ offers.

Live as thankful stewards of all 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.

Postlude:

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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: Friends of the Church

Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta

Greeters: Kathy Schiavi & Bill Carlock

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today:

9:30 am Adult Sunday school; 12-1 pm Choir Practice

12:00 noon Youth Group, Upper Room

3-6 pm Trim-A-Tree-Party

Monday: 6:30 pm Women's Small Group, 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting, GP Room

Tuesday: 10:00 am & 8:00 pm Bible Studies, GP Room

Wednesday: 10:30 am Small Group 1, GP Room

Thursday: 11:00 am Prayer Group Chapel

Friday: 10:00 am Small Group 2; 11:00 am Crafts for a Cause, GP Room

Saturday: 1:00 pm PWP Luncheon, Cookie Swap & Gift Exchange

11:00 am – Visitation (Rhoda Kollar), 12:00 noon Service

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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