

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 23, 2018

Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
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Youth
4th Sunday of Advent

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.

“CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT/FOURTH 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.

Call to Worship:

One: Come! Hear the news of great joy!

All: We will bless the name of the Lord.

One: Christ, the newborn King has come.

All: God’s son has set us free.

Let us worship our Lord, who has come to set us free! Amen!

*Opening Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City”

UMH #250

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Youth

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Youth

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: “Away in a Manger”

UMH #217

*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

Youth

Dear God, you have blessed us with the gift of your Son, who has saved us from our sins. We thank you for your generosity and offer these gifts to you. Please use us to share the good news of Christ with your children of all ages and races. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

Rachel Ward-Pinto

Light the Advent Candle: (Verses 1-4)

FWS #2090

*Hymn of Preparation: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH #238

Christmas Pageant:

UMCSO Sunday School

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Iwy

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:

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

UMH #240

*Commission and Blessing:

Let your hearts be at peace. Christ has come.

Christ is our light and our salvation.

Walk in darkness no longer.

Christ is our light and our salvation.

Treasure the gift of God’s Son, given to us!

Our spirits rejoice in God’s saving grace.

Our lives have been equipped to meet the world. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by church members “In Celebration of Christmas”

Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour: Worship Committee

Crib & Toddler Care: No crib & Toddler care today

Greeters: Glen & Marilyn Bucher

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today:

Christmas Pageant during Worship

Monday:

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Tuesday:

Christmas Day – Merry Christmas to all!

Thursday:

11:00 am Prayer Group, Chapel

Friday:

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

***Special thanks to Cory Casey for coordinating the pageant and to Dianne Benincasa and Jean Engel for creating the pageant costumes.**

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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Scripture Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel Reading - Luke 1:39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”