

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 9, 2018

10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

“CONSECRATION/COMMITMENT SUNDAY/SECOND 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):

How good it is to gather where garments of sorrow and affliction are removed. Here, we are wrapped in the beauty of God’s glory and welcomed to life at its fullest. Surely you restore us to our best, mighty God, and equip us for productive living. Make a difference within and among us today so we can work for a better tomorrow. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “What Child Shall Come”

Stewardship Moment: Russ Reynolds

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

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

*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

Gracious God, how good you have been to us. How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

Children’s Moment: Rachel Ward-Pinto

Light the Advent Candle: (Verses 1 & 2) FWS #2090

(Children will go to Sunday school)

*Hymn of Preparation: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH #206

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:

Remember those messengers of the faith you have known;
Rejoice and give thanks for their witness.

**We, too, will prepare the way of Christ;
We will help to level the hills and valleys.**

Hold one another in your hearts day by day;
Pray that love may rule all your relationships.

**We will weep with those who weep.
We will rejoice with those who rejoice.**

God will be with you wherever you go;
The good work begun in you will be brought to completion.

**All flesh will see the salvation of our God;
We will live in covenant with our Creator. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude:

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*The flowers on the altar are given by the Antonucci Family
“In memory of Loved Ones”*
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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church
Coffee Hour: Caroline & Donovan Matthews
Crib & Toddler Care: Bonnie Hutta
Greeters: Grace Reynolds
Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today: 9:30 am Adult Sunday school; 11:30 am – Caroling Cortlandt
Healthcare (Nursing Home); 12-1 pm Choir Practice

Monday: 6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, 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: 8:00 - 9:00 am Men’s Group; 9:30 am Small Group Leaders, GP
Room; Chimes Deadline

Next Sunday: 12:30 pm Reminder – Christmas Carols 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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Scripture Reading - Philippians 1:3-11
Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart,^[a] for all of you share in God's grace^[b] with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 3:1-6
The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler^[a] of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler^[b] of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler^[c] of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”