

# United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 1, 2019

10:30 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY/FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“We strive to **GROW** in a relationship with God through Worship, Prayer and Study. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to make Christ’s love known as we **CONNECT** and **SERVE** others.”*

### Prelude

### Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

### Opening Prayer (In Unison):

You have wakened us from sleep and led us to this place, wondrous God. Now let us feel your presence with us as we encounter your Word. We give you thanks for giving us an identity as relatives and friends through Jesus Christ. In this season we remember your unexpected appearance among us in the birth of a child. You make yourself known to us again and again. May we know you now! Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH #196

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**\*Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem:** “Advent Kyrie”

**Stewardship Moment:** Lynne Schrot

**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 the privilege of sharing your bounty with those in need. We seek to walk in your light and follow the pathways where you lead. We want to share the good news of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all your people be made ready for Christ’s coming. Amen.

**Children’s Moment:** Lisa Grace

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** “Light 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 twice)

UMH #171

### \*Commission and Blessing:

Let us live honorably as a child of God.

May we have nothing to hide from God or others.

**We seek to live in the light of God’s love.**

**We want to be ready when Christ comes.**

May we carry the peace of Christ wherever we go.

Let us share that peace with all whom we meet.

**It has been good to meet together in God’s house.**

**It is good to serve together in God’s world. 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  
**Greeters:** Grace Reynolds, Joan Prentice  
**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

3:00 pm Trim-A-Tree-Party

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

Tuesday: 10:00 am & 7:30 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 am Men’s Group; 9:30 am Small Group Leaders, GP Room

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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