

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 15, 2019

10:30 a.m.

3rd 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.

“COMMITMENT AND CONSECRATION SUNDAY”

*“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):

Mighty One, we rejoice that you strengthen our weak hands and make firm our feeble knees. You open our eyes and unstop our ears. You meet our hungers with good things. We have assembled to worship you. Awaken the gladness that comes when we recognize your presence. We long to know you in this hour. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH #220

Scripture Reading:

James 5:7-10

Gospel:

Matthew 11:2-11

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Stewardship Moment:

Hank Schrot

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory:

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

UMH #229

*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

Majestic God, thank you for inviting us to share the blessings you pour out on us. We want to extend the healing ministry of Jesus who gave sight to those who were blind and new insight to some who only pretended to see. Use our resources to heal attitudes as well as bodies, to bring wholeness, not just cures. Help us to address the inequities of the earth that leave so many without food or shelter or hope. Lead us into your realm in the midst of our daily living. Amen.

Children’s Moment:

Rachel Ward Pinto

Light the Advent Candle:

(Verses 1-3)

FWS #2090

(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:

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

UMH #224

*Commission and Blessing:

God has been present with us here today.

God also sends us out into the world.

The world we are about to enter is God’s world.

We can count on God to be with us every day.

God’s judgement is sure, but so is God’s love.

God lifts up the lowly and offers them strength.

Our eyes and ears have been opened to God’s truth.

We have good news for all who need to hear it.

Be patient with others and do not grumble.

Be patient with yourselves as you seek the Holy Way.

Like the prophets, we seek to speak in God’s name.

Like lowly servants, we are eager to help others. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Karen Beaumont

“Happy birthday Don from all your family”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes:

Children of the Church

Coffee Hour:

The Reynolds Family

Greeters:

Marilyn and Glen Bucher

Ushers:

Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today:

9:30 am Adult Sunday school; 12:30 pm - Caroling at the JV Mall; 12 noon Choir Practice; 9:30 am Youth Group Visit to NYC; 6:30pm Handbell Practice

Monday:

6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, GP Room; 7:30 pm Vision Table

Tuesday:

10 am & 7:30 pm Bible Studies, GP Room; Chimes Deadline

Wednesday:

10:30 am Small Group 1, GP Room

Thursday:

10 am Prayer Group, Chapel

Friday:

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

Saturday:

8:00 am Men’s Group; 9:30 am Small Group Leaders, GP Room;

10 am – 1:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Next Sunday:

Christmas Pageant during Worship; Halos Playing

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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