

# United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 8, 2019

10:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</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.

## “SECOND 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):

Spirit of God, come to rest on our community, embracing the poor, bringing equity to the meek, turning away all expressions of evil. Come into this congregation to enliven our worship, to immerse us in righteousness, to prompt our faithfulness. Rain on us your hope and joy and peace, filling the whole earth with your glory. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*Verses 1-4*) **UMH #211**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Anthem:** “An Advent Acclamation”

**Stewardship Moment:** “Using our Gifts & Talents for Christ” **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

What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts to your purposes, amazing God! You inspire us to oppose wickedness, to stand up for the oppressed, to work for harmony among all your children. Lead us, together, to your holy mountain, where all are valued and no one is excluded.

May our offerings spread the knowledge of your ways across this earth, widening the circle of inclusion to embrace all your children in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Children’s Moment:** **Lisa Peterson-Grace**

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

(Children will go to Sunday school)

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** “When Jesus Came to Jordan” **UMH #252**

**The Good News:** **Russ Reynolds**

### 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:

The God of steadfastness sends you into the world.

The God of encouragement bids you to live in harmony.

**In our daily living, we will rejoice in God’s presence.**

**We are thankful that God helps us to understand.**

Live each day with hope, welcoming one another.

Rejoice that Christ welcomes you and claims you.

**Praise God, whose Holy Spirit empowers us.**

**Praise God, who offers us joy and peace.**

Join with God in seeking justice for all.

Lend your resources to help the poor and needy.

**May righteousness flourish and peace abound.**

**May God’s glory fill the earth, through us. Amen. Amen.**

### Postlude:

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Connie Vollmer*

*“A Happy 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to my daughter, Kathy, and son-in-law, Chip”*

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### Serving Today:

*Acolytes:* Children of the Church

*Coffee Hour:* Friends of the Church

*Greeters:* Kathy Schiavi, Jean Engel

*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**

Monday: **6:30 pm Women’s Small Group, 7:30 pm Trustees, 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; 6:30 – 9:30 pm “Mission Possible” Childcare for Parents Night Out**

**1:00 pm Annual Christmas Luncheon, Cookie Swap & Gift Exchange**

Next Sunday: **Youth visiting Hillsong Church & Rockefeller Center;**

**12:30 pm 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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