

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

1176 E. Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Pastor Reverend Iwy Patel-Yatri
Music Director Rob Gutowski
Organist Alex Shkoda
Liturgists Children & Youth
December 22, 2019 **10:30 a.m.** **4th 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.

“CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT”

*“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

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 to offer salvation.

All: God’s son has come to save us.

Let us worship our Lord, who frees us from sin and death! Amen!

***Opening Hymn: “People, Look East”** **UMH #202**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 **Youth**

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 **Youth**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: “Star of Glory”

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: “Jesu Bambino” **Al & Alice Fennell**

*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

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: Lisa Peterson-Grace

Light the Advent Candle **(Verses 1-4)** **FWS #2090**

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.

We praise Emmanuel – God is with us!

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”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour: Friends of the Church

Greeters: Don Hoffmann, Bill Carlock

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today: **9:30 am – Adult Sunday School; 12 noon – 1:00 pm Choir Practice; Christmas Pageant during Worship**

Monday: **6:30 pm – Women’s Small Group, GP Room**

Tuesday: **7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service with Bell Choir**

Wednesday: **Christmas Day – Merry Christmas to all!**

Next Sunday: **Lessons & Carols during Worship; Special Church Conference After worship; Admin Council meeting to follow**

***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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