

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

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December 29, 2019

10:30 a.m.

1st Sunday After Christmas

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

“SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS”

*“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 “The Birthday of the King” by W.H. Neidlinge **Al Fennell**

Parish Concerns, Announcements, and Praise

Opening Prayer (In Unison):

Holy God, we praise and worship you for you are worthy. Even when we sinned, your love remained steadfast and for our sake, you sent Jesus to redeem us. We proclaim your greatness as we read of promises kept and Christ who came to save us from sin and death. Open our hearts to receive Christ as our Savior. In Your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem: “Go Tell the Good News” **Choir**

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-24 **Russell Reynolds**

CAROL: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” **UMH #196**

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18 **Annette Reynolds**

CAROL: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Verses 1 & 4) **UMH #211**

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 **Daryl Lindholm**

CAROL: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” **UMH #229**

FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a **Les Hazelton**

CAROL: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Verses 1 & 4) **UMH #230**

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 **Linda Hoernes**

CAROL: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (Verses 1 & 4) **UMH # 218**

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 **Cliff Cullum**

Children’s Moment: Pastor Iwy

CAROL: “What Child Is This” (Verses 1 & 3) **UMH #219**

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 **Kathy Casey**

CAROL: “Sing We Now of Christmas” (Verses 1 & 2) **UMH #237**

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11 **Rachel Ward-Pinto**

Offering of Gifts and Tithes **Rachel Ward-Pinto**

The Offertory: “We Three Kings” (Verses 1 & 2) **UMH #254**

***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**

Awesome God, when we recount your gracious deeds and marvelous acts, we want to praise and honor you. Thank you for the gift of life, for all you have entrusted to us, for your watchful care over us, for surrounding us with love when loss and suffering overwhelm us. Because of your

mercy and favor and the abundance of your steadfast love, we are moved to respond. It is when we give with generous hearts that we begin to understand how much we have been given. Thank you, O Gracious God for your faithfulness. Amen.

NINTH LESSON: **John 1:1-14**

Pastor Iwy

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s 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.

CAROL: “Joy to the World” (Verses 1 & 4)

UMH #246

***Commission and Blessing:**

Let the word of God dwell in you richly.

Teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.

We will spend time in study and prayer.

We will listen and speak as God inspires us.

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

May you know God’s favor day after day.

We will join with faithful people to proclaim the Good News of Salvation. We

will praise God’s name in all we do. Amen. Amen.

Postlude:

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The flowers on the altar are given by Mary Vance

“In celebration of the 7th birthday of my Great Grandson, Xavier C. Payne”

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Serving Today:

Acolytes: Children of the Church

Coffee Hour: Friends of the Church

Greeters: Friends of the Church

Ushers: Debbie Vesuvio, Joy Santaroni, and Patti Scozzari

Today: **9:30 am Adult Sunday School, GP Room; Lessons and Carols Service;**

12 noon Choir Practice

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

Tuesday: **No Bible Study**

Wednesday: **New Year’s Day – Happy New Year to All!**

Thursday: **11:00 am Prayer Group, Chapel**

Next Sunday: **New Year’s Pancake Brunch**

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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