

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak - ORDER OF WORSHIP
December 1st, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion Sunday

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Beverly R. and Joseph W. Emsley, “In loving memory of the late M. Marguerite Smith Reynolds on her birthday, and of her parents Samuel F. and Sarah C. Agor Smith, and her grandparents Samuel F. and Susan Barger Smith.”

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The Lord will fulfill all the promises given to God's people.

P: Praise be to God.

L: The days are coming when all shall be revealed.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: The signs of God's Good News are all around us.

P: The darkness has overshadowed them.

L: God will bring to us a new light for all generations.

P: Open our eyes, Lord, to see your promises fulfilled. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: “Goodness of God” – The Halos

PRAISE SHARING

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE - FWS #2090 (v.1)

OPENING PRAYER:

We can hardly believe it, Lord. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for THE BIG DAY. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits today to behold God's gracious love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: “Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel” – UMH #211

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT FROM RUSS REYNOLDS, Trustee’s Chair

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIV)
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Lord, I Need You" - Halos

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36 (NIV)

SERMON: **The Promised One**

1. Help Is On The Way
2. God Stands With Us
3. Be Vigilant

RESPONSE: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" – UMH #204

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Prepare The Way of The Lord" – UMH #207

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Won't You Come By Here" – Halos

BENEDICTION:

God's presence and promises are real. Go now into God's world, trusting in God's love and placing your hope in God. Go in peace. AMEN

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3267/worship-connection-november-28-2021>

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36 (NIV)

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.

³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

UMCSO SCHEDULE

Zoom links are included in Mailchimp. Please contact us with your email (umcso.ny@gmail.com) or call 914-245-4682 if you would like to receive Mailchimp emails.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: Monday, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, 10:00 am, GP Room

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP 1: Thursday, 1:00 pm (ZOOM)

PRAYER GROUP: Thursday, 11:00 am (Chapel)

EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Thursdays, 7:30 pm with Pastor Sandy (ZOOM). (See link below).

SMALL GROUP 2: Friday, 10:00 am (phone 1-267-807-9495; 656355452#)

MEN'S GROUP: Saturday 8:00 am (ZOOM)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 am in the GP room (In person)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 9:30 am. Next: Dec. 7th

TRUSTEES MEETING: First Monday of every month, 7:30 pm (Zoom)

Pastor Sandy Mantz invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study

Date/Time: Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2610447551?pwd=MXVIUGgvOFRrS3RZNVB2a0plRi8rUT09>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Effective immediately, the Wednesday Small Group will now be meeting on Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

DECEMBER EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS:

1st: Trim a Tree (12pm – 3pm with pizza lunch)

7th: Craft Fair and Bake Sale 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (Sign-up sheet in breezeway)

8th: Caroling at the mall (following worship)

14th: Cookie Swap – 12-3 pm (A sign-up sheet is posted in the breezeway)

21st: -Tres Dias Christmas Secuela 2:00 pm in the sanctuary, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the GP Room.

- Pageant rehearsal at 4:30 in the Parish Hall with pizza dinner.

- Live Nativity at 6:30 pm

22nd: Christmas Pageant

24th: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm

CAN YOU HELP?: The Missions and Outreach Committee is looking for a few people to head up an expansion of the Angel Tree program as well as an event building Blessing Bags to help the homeless and needy in our community. If you'd like to get involved in these worthwhile ministries please contact Cory Casey or Pastor Sandy.

REACH US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak

<https://www.facebook.com/Blessedassurancetoday>

There is a link to the Church's website

Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly.

This Week's B'days:

Samantha Palumbo	11/29
Fernando Arias	12/02
Cameron Stokes	12/03
Olivia Bardin	12/06

No Anniversaries This Week
