

United Methodist Church at Shrub Oak
Order Of Worship
November 30, 2025 – First Sunday Of Advent

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given by Cory Casey, “In loving memory of Edna Klausman.”

GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: Jim and Doreen Matthews.
Light the Advent Candle – FWS #2090 – (v.1)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour his most special blessing on the earth.

P: We want to be ready for that time. What should we do?

L: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God’s word.

P: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all of your blessings.

L: Come, let us celebrate God’s love for us.

P: Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Love, O Lord. AMEN.

PRAISE & WORSHIP: “He Knows My Name” -The Halos

PRAISE SHARING

OPENING PRAYER:

O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation. Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love, that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN

OPENING HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” - UMH #211 (v.1-4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord of hope, you bless our lives every day. We sometimes forget that all these blessings come from you and we overlook them. It seems that every year the push for the commercial holiday expectations comes earlier and earlier. By the time we approach the true Holy Day we are exhausted; we cannot gather the strength to praise you. Make us ready Lord. Slow us down and help us find release from the demands. Enable us to make decisions that will build hope and community. Forgive us when we take you, Lord, for granted. Help us reach out to others with gifts of kindness, love and peace. Heal us. Strengthen us and make us watchful over our faith in you. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Watch! Wait! God is bringing to you new hope and peace. It is a gift, given especially for you—one that you cannot earn—it's a gift. Praise be to the Giver of All Great Gifts, our Lord. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

Psalm 122 (NIV)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *(Children will be dismissed right after)*

HYMN of PREPARATION: "Lord I Need You "

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)

SERMON: "Are You Ready?"

1. Walk in the Light of the Lord
2. May Peace be in Your Walls
3. Clean House!!

RESPONSE HYMN: "The King of Glory Comes" – FWS #2091

OFFERTORY: "Prepare the way of the Lord" (3x) UMH #207

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Won't You Come by Here"

BENEDICTION:

To all the corners of the world, God is bringing God's blessing. Be ready! Watch! For the time is near; salvation is at hand. Be at peace in the arms and love of God. AMEN.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm 122 (NIV)

¹ I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

⁴ That is where the tribes go up - the tribes of the LORD - to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel.

⁵ There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.

⁷ May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels."

⁸ For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you."

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV)

³⁶ “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;

³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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 (In Person)

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

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

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#)

CRAFTS FOR A CAUSE: Friday, 11:00 am - 12 noon (various homes)

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

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

TRUSTEE'S MEETING: First Monday of every month. Next: Monday, December 1st, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MTG: Saturday, December 6th and 20th , 9:30 am (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>

Meeting ID: 261 044 7551

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



the memo line.

Christmas is coming and as we prepare ourselves spiritually, we also start planning for decorating our sanctuary for the holidays. The poinsettias will be delivered and in place for the Christmas Eve Service. You may give these plants as gifts, memorials, or in honor of a living person, **PLANTS MAY BE TAKEN HOME AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.** If you are interested in providing poinsettia plants, please fill out this form and return to Michele Squibb or the church office. Please place your order by **Sunday, December 14, 2023.** If you have any questions, please call Michele Squibb at 914-393-5682. Please make checks out to UMCSO and write "Poinsettias" in

Prices For Poinsettias This Year Are As Follows

(Please circle your choices and note quantity beside each)

6.5 inch (\$11 ea.) # _____

8 inch (\$25 ea.) # _____

10 inch (\$30 ea) # _____

Name and Phone # of Donor: _____

Person(s) to be Memorialized _____

Person(s) to be Honored _____



TRIM A TREE IS THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH!!: We'll all meet in the GP Room after worship to make decorations and have some pizza, and then head into the sanctuary for Carols and decorating! Everyone is invited to join in so bring a friend!

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Bowling Fellowship Sundays!

Location: Jefferson Valley Bowling Lanes
Sundays (Start date: October 26 or November 2)

Time: 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Warm-up: 1:30 – 1:40 PM
Bowling begins: 1:50 PM
Cost: \$23 per person

Duration: 16 weeks — includes 3 games each week, prizes, and a dinner celebration at the end of the season!

Whether you're a seasoned bowler or simply looking for fellowship and fun, all are welcome! Bring your family and friends and be part of this joyful new ministry. Sign up today and let's roll together in faith and friendship!

For more information or to sign up, contact:
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**Be a Holy Roller!! Bowling Fellowship
Sundays Have Begun!**

Join in the fun of our Bowling Fellowship Sundays! The group, now known as **“The UMCSO Holy Rollers,”** meets on Sunday at JV Lanes and all are welcome. See the sign-up sheet in the breezeway or contact Wesley Battle Sr. (914-837-4835) for more information.



A warm Welcome Home and Congratulations to Pvt. Joe Spina, who has graduated from Basic Training and is now a full-fledged Marine!

May God go with him into every assignment, guard him fiercely, and protect him always.

Joe's address will be changing in the coming weeks and we will post that information when we get it. In the meantime, cards, letters, etc. can be sent to John and Gayle and they will see to it that he gets them.

Please continue to pray for Joe and the Spina and Bucher families.

John and Gayle Spina

60 Ridge Rd.

Garrison, NY 10524

CAROLING AT JV MALL: December 14th at 1:00 pm. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you have a child going into 7th grade, please speak to Pastor Sandy or Kathy Casey regarding upcoming confirmation classes.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FORMING! We are excited to be starting a Young Adult Group at UMCSO this fall! If you are a young adult, please fill out this survey so we can find a good time for our first meeting. If you know of a young adult who may be interested, please forward this link to them, or have them speak to Pastor Sandy or Lisa Grace. We look forward to growing this new ministry!

[Young Adult Meeting Survey](#)

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

There is a link to the Church's website
Pastor Sandy will post inspirational verses regularly

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This Week's Birthdays:

Alexa Darling	11/30
Fernando Arias	12/02
Emily Mantz	12/03
Cameron Stokes	12/03
Olivia Bardin	12/06

No Anniversaries This Week