



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020, 10:00AM

### PRELUDE

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Lights from three sources grace our worship center. The first light comes from the candle, which was placed here two weeks ago, but was not lighted.. The second source, placed here last Sunday, is a flashlight, with its small, but directed beam of light to show us the way to Hope. Today's light is from a lantern.

**Person 1:** Two weeks ago, on the first Sunday of Advent, we placed this candle on our worship center, but it remained unlit so that we would take the time to actually think about the darkness and hope for the light.

**Person 2:** **We light this candle, remembering that in the midst of darkness, God created the world and all that is in it. In the midst of our darkness, God has again brought light**

*[Person 1 lights the Advent Candle].*

**Person 1:** Last week we placed a flashlight in our worship center as the second light of Advent. This common object becomes uncommon as it reveals God's love and direction for our lives.

**Person 3:** **We turn this flashlight on, with its small beam. The darkness is great, but God's powerful light will show us the way, our path is illuminated by God's gracious love. This light represents direction and hope.**

*[Person 3 turns the flashlight on. Note: make sure that the light is either shining on the floor or down an aisle]*

**Person 1:** Today, on the third Sunday of Advent, we place a lantern in our worship center. We remember the significance of the lantern lit on a porch to welcome the weary traveler.

**Person 4:** **We light this lantern as a reminder of God's continuous welcome for us, pouring God's light of love into our darkness and drawing us home.**

*[Person 4 lights the lantern in the worship center]*

## ***In Our Prayers..***

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Irene Goff

Carol Ensley

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

*\*The loved ones of those who passed away, including:*

Janice Kassel

Mae Stevens

*\*Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

*\*Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

*\*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154.*

*Thank You!*

Person 1: Let us pray: Lord of Welcoming Light, be with us today as we continue our Advent journey. Help us to look for the light of your abiding presence, brought to us through the years by the prophets and most especially by Jesus Christ your beloved Son.  
AMEN.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

**P: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.**

L: With great joy,  
we receive that love and share it with others.

**P: We open our hearts to all God's children,  
the last, the least, and the lost,  
as well as those who feel privileged.**

L: The Lord has done and continues to do  
great things for us.

**P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and  
who challenges us to be people of joy  
in this darkened world. AMEN.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN**

234 O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1-3, 5,6)

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of Love and Light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and speech with shouts of joy that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace, and joy, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

### **JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS**

**\*SCRIPTURE READINGS** Matthew 1:20-23, Hebrews 1:1-3

*Matthew 1:20-23*

*<sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us")."*

*Hebrews 1:1-3*

*<sup>1</sup>In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many*

times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**MESSAGE OF LIFE** Hojin Shin

Incarnation 3: Immanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

218 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

245 The First Noel (verse 1)

**POSTLUDE**

*God is Good!*

**Birthdays...**

- 13 Bev Salas
- 15 Chris Mammen
- 16 Mya Burns
- 17 Jay Black
- 18 Marilyn Carlstrom
- 19 Katie Kassel  
Amber Embrock
- 20 Howard Morey  
Barb Goodlaxson

**Anniversaries...**

- 13 John & Shirley Schmidt
- 17 Dean & Carol Simonsen
- 18 Steve & Mary Lou Morrison
- 19 Aaron & Brittany Hernandez



**#234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
*Refrain*  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.
2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal  
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten not created;  
*Refrain*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
*Refrain*
5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee with love and awe.  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
*Refrain*
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
*Refrain*

## # 218 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King.  
"The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth

its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

## #245 “The First Noel” (Vs. 1)

1. The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### *Refrain*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

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