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Parkview Mitten Tree

NOW THRU JANUARY 9

WE ARE COLLECTING BEANIES/STOCKING CAPS, GLOVES, AND SOCKS FOR STUDENTS AT PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY.

(APPROX. AGES 4—11)



First United Methodist Church

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

DECEMBER 10
5:30PM-9:30PM
INFANT – AGE 11

FUN & GAMES | DINNER PROVIDED | \$10/FAMILY

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First United Methodist Church | November 28, 2021

When
UNCERTAINTY
SURROUNDS US

THE PROMISE OF CHRIST
FILLS US WITH HOPE
TO CARRY ON.



REDISCOVER
Christmas
GOOD NEWS IN TROUBLING TIMES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 28, 2021 | 1st Sunday of Advent

VOLUNTARY

**Sleepers Wake!
A Voice Is Calling**
J.S. Bach (BWV 645)

Ferrell Roberts, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeb Archey

THANKSGIVING CALL TO WORSHIP

Jody Balch

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Leader: Speak to us Lord. As you promised through your prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist, come to us now.

People: May all the barriers be removed so that we can receive your Word and worship you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH #203

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

Jody Balch

I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, such as the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I believe that the finest carols are often sung by poorest voices, from hearts made arm by the wonder of the season.

I believe in the angels' message that we should not be afraid – that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas – that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the One born in the stable, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.

I believe in going away from Christmas as the wise men went – "another way." I want to be different when these days are past – more centered, more thoughtful, more caring.

And I believe God will help me. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Jeb Archey

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Howalt Family

RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH #204

ANTHEM

Rejoice, Rejoice with Music
Stacey Nordmeyer/Joseph M Martin

Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jeb Archey

HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH #213

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-28 CEB

Rev. Jeb Archey

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Finding Hope

Rev. Jeb Archey

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ferrell Roberts, piano

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

HYMN

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

UMH #251

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jeb Archey

POSTLUDE

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

Raymond Haan

Ferrell Roberts, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Lay Reader: Jody Balch

Advent: Howalt Family

Children's Time: Pastor Jeb

Ushers/Greeters: Team 4

Piano: Jim Elyce Wade

Acolytes: Addison Archey,
Leighton Castillo

Sound/Media: MaryNell Urban,
Greg Jennings, Calvin DeWitt,
Claire McDaniel

ADULT & CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL AGES 3 & UP

10:45—11:30AM

NURSERY CARE

The nursery is open Sunday mornings for children birth to preschool. Our nursery is located in the north/education wing.

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