

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12

HYMN OF RESPONSE *People, Look East*

UMH 206

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Wilbur Held**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

PREACHER: Rev. Lanny Lancaster | **WORSHIP LEADER:** Rev. Sigrid Mottram
Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir; Jamie Bryson, organist/director

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a Connect Card located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries, and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children up to 5th grade are invited to Kids Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the Narthex.

Hearing devices are available in entrance to the Sanctuary.

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Central

United Methodist Church

*Love*

DECEMBER 4, 2022 | 11:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Connect at Central

God • Each Other • Community

†Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
Congregational responses in **bold**.

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Joyce Jones

WELCOME
The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

Rev. Sigrid Mottram

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

† **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: When the oppressor is no more, and destruction has ceased, and marauders have vanished from the land, then a throne shall be established in steadfast *love* in the tent of David, and on it shall sit in faithfulness a ruler who seeks justice and is swift to do what is right. Isaiah 69:4-5 (nrsv)

People: We light this candle as a symbol of God's Love for us in Jesus Christ. May the love of Christ embrace us in a deeper way today.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Lanny Lancaster

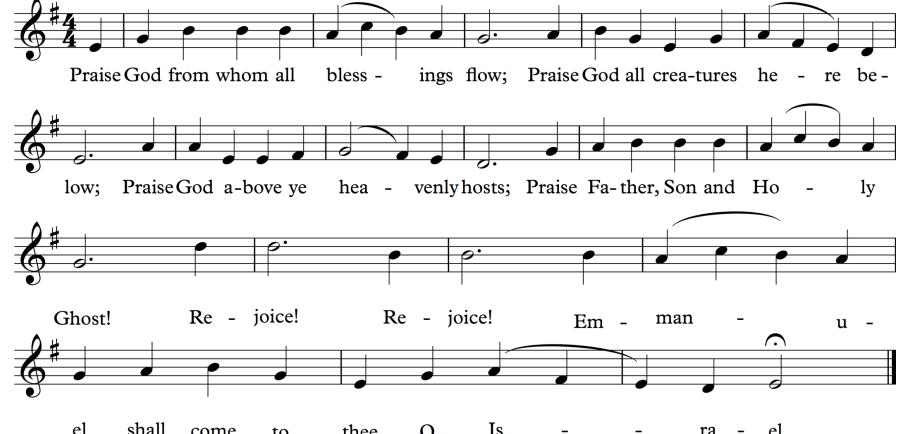
THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

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.

†**HYMN** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Stanzas 5-7)* UMH 211

OFFERING

†**THE DOXOLOGY** *Advent Doxology*



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el.
el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el.

†**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM *Gabriel's Message* Pettman/Wickham
*The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary." Most highly favored lady, Gloria! For
know a blessed mother you shall be, All generations praise continually, Your Son
shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold." Most highly favored lady, Gloria! Then
gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleases God," she said, "My
soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: Most highly favored lady, Gloria!*

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10

SERMON *The LOVE of Christmas* Rev. Lancaster

THE APOSTLE'S CREED UMH 881