

SERMON *The LOVE of Christmas* Rev. Lancaster

†**HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

†**BENEDICTION**

†**POSTLUDE** *In Dulci Jubilo* Alice Jordan

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



Joy

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



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

PRELUDE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* arr. Joyce Jones

WELCOME Rev. Sigrid Mottram

The Lord be with you!
And Also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

✝ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE John & Mary Ann Burns

Leader: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10 (NRSV)

People: **We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.**
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

SERVICE OF MEMBERSHIP UMH 33

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Lanny Lancaster

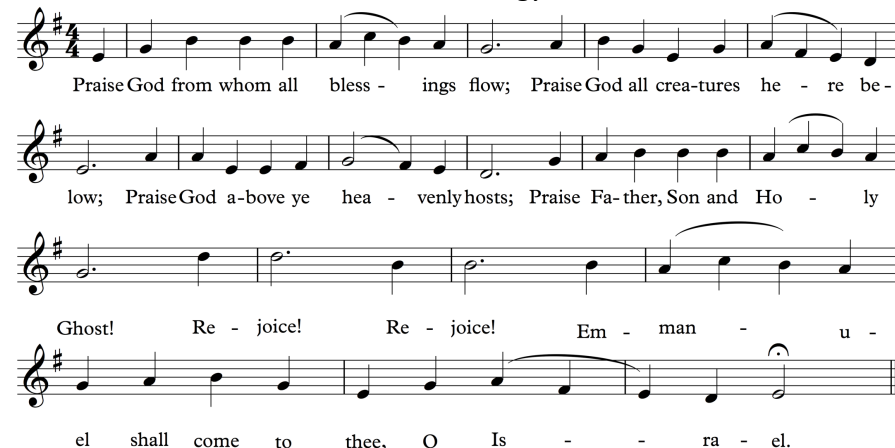
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

OFFERING

✝ **THE DOXOLOGY** *Advent Doxology*



✝ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM *Lo, How A. Rose E'er Blooming* Praetorious
Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright She bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night. O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 35:1-10*