

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Lanny Lancaster | Liturgist: Rev. Sigrid Mottram

Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir;

Jamie Bryson, organist/director; Kristi Shupe, pianist

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 through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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Central

United Methodist Church

— OUR SPIRIT WAITS —



— ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES —

DECEMBER 10, 2023 | 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 A 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

O Lord God of Hosts, who shows us your face that we may be saved.
Come to deliver us that, being cleansed by your mercy with the gift of repentance
We may stand before you in the judgment,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
—Mozarabic Sacramentary

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Dale & Shelly Loberger

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 19:4-5 (NRSV)

We light this candle as a symbol of God's Love for us in Christ. May the love of Christ embrace us in a deeper way today.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

UMH 33

Sterling Douglas Hoglund
Jack & Diana Rouviere
Natalie Gordon

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** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

OFFERING

✝ **THE DOXOLOGY** *Advent Doxology* UMH 160
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! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to Thee O Israel.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Mottram

ANTHEM *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?* Robert Lau

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON *Comfort My People* Rev. Lancaster

✝ **HYMN OF DEDICATION** *People, Look East* UMH 202

✝ **BENEDICTION**

✝ **POSTLUDE** *People, Look East* arr. Kristina Langlois