

# FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 8, 2019, 8:30 am Service



## SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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### GATHERING

We welcome you and rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us. We are a congregation of caring and committed Christians who hope that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and perhaps enable you to grow in your love of God. We do ask that you complete the information sheet found in the “RED” Registration Pads in each pew. Where there is an asterisk in the service, we invite you to stand if you are able. Where you see **bold print**, we encourage you to join in the reading with others. If you seek more information concerning Friendship Church, please mark the appropriate space on the information sheet or contact the Church Office.

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Robert S. Miller, Sr. by his family

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### \*OPENING PRAISE LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM

UMH #196	“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
UMH #204	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”
UMH #207	“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

**\*LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE:**

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.

**P: May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.**

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

-Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

MUSIC BY THE PRAISE TEAM

“Away in a Manger” (W.J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Willcocks)

THE GATHERING OF OUR MORNING OFFERING

Offertory

\*Response: “Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, ‘I am strong;’ Let the poor say, ‘I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.’ Give thanks!*

\*Prayer of Dedication & 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*

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION:**

UMH #206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:11-14 (New Test. p. 152)

MESSAGE: “The Grass Is Always Greener.....”

- Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

PRAYER AND INVITATION

**\*CLOSING SONG:**

UMH #213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**



*Christmas Eve*  
SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
*(all services will contain candle lighting)*

6:00 pm – Music by the Sanctuary choir

8:30 pm – Music by Voices In Praise & Alumni

11:00 pm – Communion