

Order of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

MORNING MEDITATION

“For to us a child is born...His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, the Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

PRELUDE: Sonata.Op.10Nr.1:Adagio Molto (Beethoven) **Nadine Shank**
WORDS OF WELCOME **Art Cooper**

*****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, in these days of Advent open our hearts that we may
worship you with love and expectation.

People: **The mystery and wonder of God's greatest gift comes from
those who have come before and in whom we find grace.**

Leader: During this hour renew the vision of how God enters our being,
giving us strength and patience, and provides in every aspect of
our lives.

People: **Through your mercy and grace You have revealed Yourself to
us. So now, reveal yourself to the world, so families and nations
might be healed. In the name of Christ we pray.**

*****OPENING HYMN:"Blessed Be the God of Israel" UMH # 209**

INVOCATION **Art Cooper**

Leader: Come, O Holy One, come! Let the door of heaven open and let us
praise the gift of your unconditional love.

People: **Come, O Holy One, Come! Show your face to us again! Let
your name echo among us and help us to look for peace in all
our affairs.**

Leader: Come, O Holy One, come! Come to us in these darkened days and
in our most challenging hours. Come to us through our cries for
peace and our smiles of your love.

People: **Come, O Holy One, Come! Come to us in the sounds of silence
and in the laughter of friends. Come to our faithful waiting and
our hopeful watching for the coming of the Lord.**

Advent Candle Lighting (Sue Grala & Adrienne Cooper)

READER 1: As we gather around the Advent Spray this morning, we
prepare and look forward to the coming of Jesus. We relight the first Advent
candle to bring to mind that this season of great Hope is among us in the
coming of Christ. *[relight the first purple candle]*

READER 2: We now light a candle to remind us that Christ brings Love into
our world. *[light a second purple candle]* As we realize God dwells within
us, we are assured of his love and grace. Stillness and assurance comes to us
through the gift of knowing that the Spirit loves and cares for us always.

ALL: O great Prince of Peace. grant us your salvation and love. Save
us from ourselves. Instill in us the ability to share, to be considerate and
encourage those around us. Help us to love one another without the
brazen rudeness of this world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison] Rev. David F. Hurst
**Most merciful God, we have confess that we have sinned against you in
thought, word and deed. By what we have done and by what we have
left undone, we have not loved you with our whole heart. We are truly
sorry and humbly repent. Forgive us, Lord Jesus! May we delight in
your will and walk in your ways. AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [in unison]

ALL: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. And will forgive
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Thanks be to God

***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Last Dream of the Virgin (Massenet)

*****WORD FOR ALL AGES**

PSALTER Reading: Psalm 72 (Red Hymnal pgs. 795-796) **Art Cooper**

JOYS AND CONCERNS **Rev. David F. Hurst**

Pastoral Prayers, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer

*****Response "Glory Be to the Father"**

SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 **Art Cooper**
(Chair Bible (Old Testament) pgs. 640-641)

*****Hymn of Preparation: "Lift Up Your Heads" UMH # 213**

SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12
(Chair Bible (New Testament) pgs. 2-3) **Rev. David F. Hurst**

SERMON: "The Branch of Jesse!" **Rev. David F. Hurst**

Ministry of Giving: "Nazareth" (Charles Gounod) Nadine Shank

*****Doxology**

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here
below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all gifts; Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of Dedication

*****PARTING HYMN: "The King of Glory Comes" FWS # 2091**

BENEDICTION

ALL: O awesome and loving God in the glow of our Advent candles, may the vision of you love expand beyond our personal hopes and dreams. May we include all people in your love, your righteousness and justice, your mercy and grace. AMEN

POSTLUDE: Prelude Through All Major Keys (Beethoven)

Altar Flowers this morning are in memory of Anthony Gutowski given by Lois Bailey

Attendance for Sunday, December 1st: Adults 27 Children 2

Church Happenings for Week of December 8th

Sunday, December 8th - Morning Worship	10:00am
Wednesday, December 10th - Office Hours (8:30 - 1:30pm)	
Wednesday, December 10th - Mutual Ministry Team Mtg.	10:00am

Church Happenings for Week of December 15th

Sunday, December 15th - Morning Worship (Communion)	10:00am
Sunday, December 15th - "Living Nativity"	4 - 6pm
Monday, December 16th - Cot Shelter Meal	

"LIVING NATIVITY" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th (4-6pm)

Judy Cooper is looking for a few more willing to make 3/4 dozen cookies to serve as refreshment. Sign up is on the 'Usher's Table'

POINSETTIAS - Today is the last day for ordering your Poinsettia.

Order forms are on the 'Usher's Table'; Checks must be made out to CUMC. Be sure to hand your order/check to Virginia.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Tuesday, December 24th - 6:00pm

Service of Scripture and Carols. Scripture readers are needed. Sign up is on 'Usher's Table'.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER - This Newsletter is for any information of meetings or events for the first quarter of year 2020 (January - March).

If you have not scheduled your meeting or event, please do so on the hallway calendar outside the office door and please submit your item for the newsletter no later than Sunday, December 15th. It may be submitted by a hard copy (which you may leave in the box on the office door) or you may send it to thru church email.

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