

Order of worship

December 10, 2017

10:00 am

PRELUDE

OPENING WORDS

Joyce Monska

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, in these weeks before Christmas, open our hearts so that we may worship in joy and expectation.

People: Help us to embrace the mystery and wonder of God's greatest gift.

Leader: During our hour renew in us the vision of Christmas passion and love. Awaken us to how God enters our being, gives us strength, confidence and patience.

People: O Lord, through your mercy and grace You have revealed Yourself to us. Reveal yourself in the world, so that families and nations might be healed. In the name of Christ we pray.

***Opening Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King" UMH # 61

INVOCATION

Joyce Monska

ALL: O God, on these days before Christmas, may we worship with joy and expectation. Come into our lives and help us to respond to your infinite Love. Quicken in us a sense of mystery and wonder as we await the child in the manger. During this hour, renew in us the vision of how life should be lived and how you come to each of us. Amen

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - Adrienne Cooper & Family

READER: We gather around the Advent Wreath today, knowing that we are not perfect. We watch, we observe, we live and learn. We celebrate the wonder and awe of a baby being born to the peoples of the world.

READER: We relight the candle of Hope as we look forward to God's presence in Jesus Christ.. Through God's gift of love, we live and are born again. *[light first candle]*

READERS: We light a second candle *[light second candle]*, to symbolize our watchfulness. We light this candle to remind us to watch for God's works and miracles in all of our doings. Let us pray together.

ALL: Eternal God, we thank you. Through the years you have given us your peace. Help us to be watchful: to protect the innocent, to show your presence to the sick and the lonely. May your presence give us strength and hope throughout all our days. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. David F .Hurst

O God we bow before you as sinners seeking your forgiveness and mercy. Forgive us when we do not reach out to the needy or stand

against injustice. Forgive us when we are blind to another's misery. Let us not assume that others will take care of those in need. Forgive us, O God. Open our hearts and help us not to be swallowed up by the hype and noise of the commercial side of Christmas. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us: Help us to find our way by the power of the Holy Spirit..Through your unconditional love we are assured of your forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE

*** CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo Bustamante

Psalter Reading: Psalm 85 UMH pg 806

Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer: **Response: "Glory Be to the Father"**

"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

Scripture Reading: First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Nancy Harding

(chair Bible OT pg 667)

***Hymn of Preparation: "Lift Up Your Gates"

UMH # 213

Second Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

Rev. David F. Hurst

(chair Bible NT Bible pg 34)

Ministry of Giving: "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" Choir

*****Response: "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: "Heralds of Christ"

UMH # 567

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 mercy and your grace.

POSTLUDE

(***indicates to stand if you are able)

The flower arrangement this morning are in memory of parents of Jeannie J. Cooper (11/19/1917) and Alvin L. Cooper (12/20/1917) in honor of their 100th birthdays given by the Cooper kids

Today is the last day to place your order for Christmas flowers. Please be sure to be sure to complete the inserted order form and give to Virginia along with a check payable to CUMC.

This Week of December 10th

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10th - Celebration of December Birthday's
(Carolyn Burrows and Pam Kukucka)

Sunday, December 10th - Bible Study - 11:15am - Pastor's Office

Sunday, December 10th - Grace church youth - 12:15pm - 2:30pm
(fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 13th - Bridge Club - Noon - 5pm (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 13th - Heart of the Valley chorus rehearsal - 6:30 - 9:30pm (fellowship hall)

Next Week of December 17th

Sunday, December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17th - Grace church youth - 12:15pm - 2:30pm
(fellowship hall)

Monday, December 18th - Cot Shelter meal

Wednesday, December 20th - Bridge Club - Noon - 5pm (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 20th - Heart of the Valley chorus rehearsal - 6:30 - 9:30pm (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 20th - Church choir rehearsal 6:30p

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open doors.

Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Worship 10:00am
December 10, 2017

REV. DAVID F. HURST, Pastor
Pam Kukucka, Music Director

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will through Spiritual Growth, Education, Worship and Fellowship. We express our faith through service to others.
We welcome you all to join us in this journey.