



## Order of Worship | November 28, 2021 | 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Laurie Moeller

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Mary Holliday, Piano

arr. by Dick Torrans

\*Call to Worship

Leslie Bowers

In the midst of frenzied shopping and end-of-year weariness,  
we spread out a purple cloth, read again the ancient stories,  
and light a candle in the darkness, to celebrate a visitation.

Gathered here we declare our intention to live  
as if the greatest gift in the world were about to be placed into our hands;  
as if the Giver has understood our deepest needs, our most heartfelt prayers.

Like Mary, may we be surprised by our calling;  
like Simeon and Anna, may the years increase our faith;  
like sleepy shift workers on a hillside, may our eyes be opened;  
like Joseph may we listen to our dreams; for this season requires our creative imagination.

There is a Presence in our world that asks to be seen, **who will stay awake?**  
There is a coming to our world that seeks a welcome, **who will offer hospitality?**  
**Even now Jesus Christ is moving towards us.**

\*Opening Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v. 1, 2, 4)

UMH 211

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Gentner Family

\*The Advent Creed (by Nathan Nettleton)

Leslie Bowers

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin, and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading, and deceitful.

We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

\*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Children's Moment

Lorin Tate

Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Elizabeth Pollard

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.

Anthem

*Thou Shalt Know Him*  
Ensemble

by Mark Sirett

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Rev. Kena Newkirk

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Kena Newkirk

Sermon

"When Everything is Wrong"

Rev. Kena Newkirk

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Elizabeth Pollard

Special Music

*Appalachian Yuletide*  
Margareta Wesolowska, Piano

arr. Dan Forrest

\*Doxology

UMH 94

\*Closing Hymn

*People, Look East* (v. 1, 3, 4)

UMH 202

\*Benediction

Rev. Kena Newkirk

\*Congregational Response

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

\*\*Please stand as you are able.

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New Membership Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Marion Granville McKeown in honor of Chiara Garthwaite's birthday and in memory of Jack McKeown.

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## Prayer Concerns

Pat Alderman Duane and Jared Bargiel The Boggs and Hicks Families Beulah Boozer Jan Boyea	Doug Campbell Rev. Ed and Ann Cook Dennis Dye Rev. Charles Fulton Steve Hudson Carolyn Hutchison	Alice Kopreski Lynn Longino he Lynn Family Rev. George Ramsey The Roy Family Mark and Wilmon Rushing Alice Kopreski	Lynn Longino Joye Stonestreet Justin Stringer Mary Thompson The Wackerman Family Rhodes and Heath Waller Jan Williams
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