

Antho n United Methodist Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson

December 5, 2021 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle of PEACE by Kerns Family

Congregational Singing of Verse 2 of “Advent Song” TFWS #2090

Congregational Response: Let us expand our hearts as we gather. Let us receive God’s word as we proclaim. Let us transform our lives as we pray. Let us have compassion for the world as we greet each other. Amen

Opening Song “O How I Love Jesus” UMH #170

Call to Worship Liturgist: Andrea Mitchell

L: A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord!”

P: Make God’s paths straight.

L: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

P: The crooked will be made straight.

L: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

P: All will see the salvation of God.

L: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

P: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

Opening Prayer

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. AMEN

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Children’s Story

Shirley Nelson

Hymn of Preparation “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH #230

Gospel Reading Luke 2: 1-14

Today’s Message “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Shirley Nelson

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Hymn of Communion “I Come With Joy” UMH #617 3 verses

The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion UMH #9

Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology, Prayer of Dedication UMH #95

Closing Hymn “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH #431

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Andrea Mitchell

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Joe Harbaugh, Nina Osborne, Ernestine Steinhoff, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, Brian Ashley, Dale & Virginia Hayworth, David Beach, Ed Davis, Bettina Perkins, Jim Sheriff & Family, Susan Redenius, Bonnie Flathers, Leroy Edwards & Family, and Adam Beery.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today: We will be holding a Boy Scout charge conference at the church by zoom conference.

Dec. 8: UMW meeting at 10am with soup, small hors d’oeuvres and desserts. Everyone welcome.

Dec. 8: Walk Through Bethlehem Experience, 6:30-8pm and Saturday, Dec. 11, at 5:30-7:30pm at the Faith Bible Church in Mapleton. Flyers are posted on bulletin board.

Dec. 11: Hornick United Methodist Church Christmas Luncheon, Craft Bazaar, and Bake Sale, from 10am-2pm, at the Hornick UMC.

Dec. 19: Youth Christmas Program during worship service.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

Poinsettias: We would like to decorate the sanctuary with Poinsettias for the holiday season. If you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one, please do so and let the office know who is giving it and who it is in memory. If you would like to purchase one, but cannot pick it up, please let us know.

Reminder: Sunday School has begun, starting at 9am. Please invite any youth that you know to come and learn about Jesus. Contact Andrea Mitchell 712-490-0038, if you like to be part of our team.

Missions: We are now collecting items for the Shesler Hall **and now the Warming Shelter too.** Cheat sheets are on back table. If you are unable to shop, lets us do the shopping for you. Just write in memo, “Shesler Hall” or “Warming Shelter” and we will take care of it. As always, monetary gifts are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Our church will again be supporting the Angel Tree. We will be collecting groceries for the Christmas food boxes for the needy. The grocery cart will be sitting in the foyer so please help fill it with non perishable food items. Monetary gifts are always welcome to purchase perishable items on date of delivery. More details to come.

December Readers: Dec. 12-Marilyn Hladik, Dec. 19-Jerry Klindt, Dec. 26-JoLynne Reimert, Jan. 2-Eileen Klindt, Jan. 9-Andrea Mitchell.

December Children’s Story: Dec. 12-Rhonda Beeson, Dec. 19-JoLynne Reimert, Dec. 26-Roger Hladik, Jan. 2-Andrea Mitchell.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Andrea Mitchell (12).

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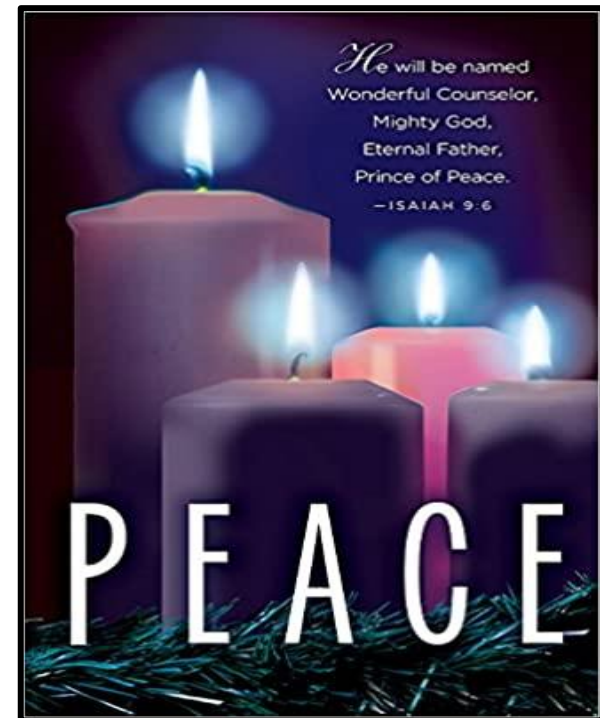
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Quote of the Week

“Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.”
Francis of Assisi