

The liturgical color is purple for the third Sunday of Advent		
PRELUDE	“Sing We Now of Christmas”	Traditional French Carol
	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	arr. Dischinger
	Jackie Zielke, flute; Marianne Carrel, oboe; Gayle Kish, clarinet, Carol Chenoweth, bassoon	
WELCOME	Ellen Mladineo, liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<p>Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's servant. God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. God has shown strength with God's arm. God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. Come, for God is doing a new thing! Come, let us worship God!</p> <p><i>Written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing – www.stephenmfearing.com</i></p>	
*OPENING HYMN	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” verses 1-3	UMH 234
	<p><i>In this season of Advent, let us prepare for Jesus’ birth by singing Christmas Carols Hymn History.</i> The words and music to this hymn were written by John Wade circa 1743. He was born in England in 1711. Wade wrote the hymn in Latin as he was a Roman Catholic and Latin was the language of the Catholic Church. Thus we have the name Adeste Fideles as another title for the hymn. Wade moved to France, as his Catholic beliefs were not popular in eighteenth century England. He taught music in France and died there in 1786. The hymn was translated into English in 1841 by Frederick Oakeley. His father was a Baronet and served as Governor of Madras in India. Frederick was born in 1802 and educated at Oxford. He was ordained as an Anglican priest. Oakeley became disenchanted with the Church of England’s abandonment of many Catholic rituals and later became a Roman Catholic priest. He died in England in 1880.</p>	
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER		
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING	JOY	Dan McKinney
Sung Response	“Light the Advent Candle”	TFWS 2090
	Light the Advent candle three: Think of heavenly harmony; Angels singing "Peace on Earth" at the Blessed Savior's birth. Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.	

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time		
WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	arr. Dishinger
	“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”	arr. Dishinger
SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 9:6–7 CEB, p. 489	
SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS		
SILENT PRAYER		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER	<p>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.</p>	
MENTOR IN MINISTRY		
SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS	<p><i>As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.</i></p>	
OFFERTORY	“Carol of the Bells”	arr. Marion Carrel
*DOXOLOGY #94	<p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p>	
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
HYMN OF CENTERING	“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”	UMH 198
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:46b–55 CEB, p. 724	
MESSAGE	<p>“He Shall Be Called...Everlasting Parent” Rev. Tammy Palermo</p>	
*HYMN OF MISSION	“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	UMH 218

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"A Festal Fanfare"

J. S. Bach

Altar Flowers are presented by Marye Etta Brobst
In Memory of Holly Flynn's birthday

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Colleen & Larry Campbell
In Celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Flower openings on January 18th & 25th.
To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

Nativity Sets are presented by

Jan Robinson
Our first creche -1960

Sally Carr
I'd always wanted my own Nativity and who knew I would find it from my Avon lady -
a previous MUMC member - Nancy Perts!!

Lynn Proegler
I made this set when John and I were stationed on the US Navy base in
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 1968. He did woodworking and I did ceramics.


Chris Fournier
My parents, Howard and Ruby Irish, commissioned these Nativity figures over several
years from a master wood carver in Frankenmuth, MI.



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- Martin Journey Group
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- Youth Sunday School
- Confirmation Class
- Christmas Gift Assembly

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- Carr Journey Groups
- Advent Study Group I
- Modern Worship Meeting
- Christmas Gift Distribution
- Food Distribution

Tuesday, December 16

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- Vick Journey Group
- Disciple III
- Advent Journey Group II
- Santa Preschool Visit
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- Knitting Group
- Gaming Group
- Blue Christmas

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Ushers for Christmas Eve

Sign up online or in the Info Hub to be an usher for one of this year’s Christmas Eve services. Contact Chris Meldrum at (440) 220-0824 for further information or interest in this important servant opportunity.

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