

Mentor United Methodist Church



November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Amy Bender, organ

Wilbur Held

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship Christ

Many: Who proclaims good news to the poor, binds up the broken-hearted, frees the prisoner and comforts those who mourn.

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Many: Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

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Many: Who rebuilds ancient ruins and restores broken places.

(Written By Phil Whyte)

Opening Prayer

One: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me....

All: Lord, you bring glad tidings to the poor. Let us hear. You heal the brokenhearted. Heal us too. You free the prisoners from their jails. Free us from ourselves. Loving God, please come to us, and send us out, forgiven, to the poor, the brokenhearted the imprisoned. Amen.

(Courtesy of A. Osdieck)

Advent Wreath Lighting 9:00 The Dolatowski Family 11:00 Stephanie Lee and Jan Rose

* Hymn 202

"People, Look East"

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

"Ma Navu (How Beautiful)"

Jewish Folksong
arr. Audrey Snyder

Charter Members Men's Choir

* Congregation invited to stand if able.

Announcements

Offertory

"Shalom"

Dan Forrest

* Doxology UMH 94

**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!**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn of Preparation 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-2, 6-7

Sermon

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year? Rev. Mikayla Doepker

* Hymn 203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

* Benediction

* Benediction Sung Response "Go Now in Peace"

**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.**

* Postlude

"God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"

Wilbur Held

Altar flowers are presented by Deb and Dale Lewis
in memory of Betty Klein, mother and grandmother
and
Mike and Kathy Fellows
in memory of Ray and Vonnie Watson, parents and grandparents.

Pulpit flowers are presented by Norm Brobst
in memory of wife Natalie.

Lectern flowers are presented by Kurt Hinkley
in honor of wife Linda's birthday on November 29.

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