



West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390



Second Sunday of Advent
December 06, 2015

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Second Sunday in Advent

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

*Call to Worship

Sandy Deckard

One: The messenger of God's holy covenant is coming!

Many: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: The messenger comes to prepare the way before us!

Many: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: Who can endure, who can stand when the Lord appears?

Many: Prepare the way of the Lord!

*Processional Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs. 1,2,4,6 UMH, No. 211

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Sandy Deckard

Emmanuel, Where there seems to be no way to end the conflict and violence in our time, we pray that you would teach us, O Christ, to prepare the way; Where we can see no way to provide for the needs of all people, we pray that you would show us, O Christ, how to prepare the way: Where can find no way to work together for justice, we pray that you would change us, O Christ, until we prepare the way; Where we are unable to believe in a way to live simply, responsibly and mindfully, we pray that you would inspire us, O Christ, to faith that prepares the way; In a world where we are tempted to see so many of our challenges as dead-ends, we pray for a new vision, a new heart and a new commitment to prepare the way for your reign, your grace, your shalom and for the liberation, justice and peace that you bring. In the name of the Coming One, we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Sandy Deckard

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

GROW

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Wreath Litany

One: During Advent, God's light illuminates a weary world. For any who have grown weary of waiting

Many: God speaks, "Peace, be still"

One: For any who are anxious about the worries of tomorrow:

Many: God speaks, "Peace, be still"

One: For any whose lips have been silenced:

Many: God speaks, "Peace, be still"

Reader 2: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

All: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Reader 1: This morning, we light the first candle which reminds us that our hope is the everlasting God who pierces the darkness of this world and reaches into the brokenness of our lives, granting the promise of a new tomorrow.

Advent Song	"Lift Up Your Eyes"	
Moment for All Ages		Pastor Monica
Old Testament Lesson	<i>Malachi 3:1-4</i>	Sandy Deckard
*Gospel Lesson	<i>Luke 3:1-6</i>	Sandy Deckard
*Response to the Lesson		Sandy Deckard
One: This is the word of God for the people of God. Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.		
Anthem	"Every Valley"	Chancel Choir
Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.		
Sermon	"Ways In The Valley"	Pastor Monica
SERVE		
*Hymn of Response	"Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" (twice)	UMH, No. 207
Moment of Impact	<i>Advent Bags</i>	Pastor Monica
Offering		
*Offertory Response	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No. 95	
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.		
*Offertory Prayer (Unison)		Pastor Jim
God-with-us, we offer these gifts of our hearts and our hands that your reign on Earth might be ushered in through even us. Strengthen and multiply these gifts. May their blessings be felt in this community and around the world. In your name, we pray, Amen.		
*Invitation		Pastor Jim
*Prayer of Confession (Unison)		Pastor Jim
*Words of Assurance		Pastor Jim
The Great Thanksgiving in Advent		
<i>Please wait for the Ushers to guide you to communion. All are welcome at the Communion Table.</i>		
Communion Hymn	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	UMH No. 221
Prayer After Receiving (Unison)		Pastor Jim
*Hymn of Sending Forth	"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"	UMH, No. 206
*Benediction		Pastor Monica
*Choral Benediction	"A Christmas Blessing"	Chancel Choir
*Postlude		

Old Testament Lesson: *Malachi 3:1-4*

The Coming Messenger

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight
—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;
he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the descendants of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver,
until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.
Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord
as in the days of old and as in former years.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 3:1-6*

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip
ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and
Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the
words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.

Welcome to worship on the Second Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for Jesus' coming . If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP IN THE LOBBY!**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Your copy of the updated directory is available in the lobby at the Welcome Center just in time for your Christmas cards! Please be sure to pick up a copy!

**ADVENT BULLETIN COVER:** A big thank you to our talented cover artist, Mya Ditzell! She lovingly designed our 2015 Advent Bulletin Cover, and we are thankful for this gift!

**DO YOU HAVE FAITH? FAITH cards (like BINGO) are available during the service.** Mark off your spaces by coloring them in. When you get "FAITH", shout it out f (making a witness!). At the end of the service, come see Pastor Monica for a surprise!

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many who give electronically at West Grove UMC. An "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. **If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure in the Lobby, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.**

**THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR** will present **JOY, A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** on December 12, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the Hempfield HS Performing Arts Center, Landisville, PA (west of Lancaster). See the poster in the lobby! Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger: 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

**THE GIVING TREE:** Please visit our **Christmas Gift Tree** in the Narthex. On the tree, there are gift tags for families and individuals from our community in need. Please prayerfully consider taking a tag and helping someone in need over this Christmas season. All wrapped gifts for families #55, #38, #59 and #47 must be at the church no later than Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16. The rest of the gifts need to be at the church by Sunday evening, Dec. 20. Please contact Joan Leaman with questions: 484-643-2181, [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net)

**THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ,** Tuesday, December 8, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A combined Holiday Celebration! Please see the sign up sheets in lobby for ways that you might help! Donations needed! Invite those in need to join us to eat. Invite those who wish to give to help.

**RAP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!** On Friday, December 11th, at noon, our RAP group and friends will be having a covered dish luncheon. **"John Clayton and the Revelators"** will be entertaining us with their exceptional musical talents. We will fellowship, enjoy delicious food, and celebrate the Christmas season with beautiful music--including several of our Christmas favorites! Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger with any questions.

**AVON GROVE SENIORS INVITE TO RAP AND FRIENDS:** On Wednesday, December 16th, at 9 a.m., we are invited to travel by bus to the American Music Theatre Christmas Show "Deck the Halls" at 10:30 a.m. After the show, a meal will be enjoyed at the Bird in Hand Restaurant at 1:30 p.m. Total cost is \$60 (Includes bus, show, and meal). Write your check to: Avon Grove Seniors. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger **ASAP** for additional information and reservations at 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net). A few more reservations are available--first come, first served!

**BACKGROUND & EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS:** West Grove UMC Bible Study, Mondays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Conference Room #1, by Rev. Jim Mundell

**Congregational Christmas Tree:** Once again, we will hang personalized family and/or individual ornaments on our Congregational Christmas Tree to be enjoyed by all in the church lobby. The ornament should bear either your family name, picture, or something symbolic to your family and can be homemade or purchased. Please feel free to bring in your ornaments and hang them on the tree during any of our Advent Worship Services. You may also update the ornament you hung on the tree in years past. Leave the old one or take it with you.

**PARENTS AFTERNOON OUT – Make a reservation and go to dinner (or Christmas shop) without kids!** Enjoy an afternoon on your own! We will watch your kids for you, and you can go on a date, Christmas shopping, wrap presents, the grocery store or take a nap! Here's the details!

**When:** Sunday, December 13 from 3:00—6:00 pm

**Where:** At WGUMC

**Cost:** a suggested donation of \$10 per child

*Any money that is donated towards this event will be used to help offset the cost of the 2016 youth summer mission trip*

**What:** We will feed the kids pizza, do some crafts, play games and watch a movie. Your kids will be safe and have fun, and you get to enjoy time away and relax for 3 hours!

**Contact** Jamie Lindtner: [jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org](mailto:jamie.lindtner@westgroveumc.org)

***Commitment cards are available in the Lobby.***

***Please offer your commitments of giving through the offering time.***

### **God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**

**Report for November 29, 2015**

**General Offering: \$4,518.<sup>00</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$120.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 204**

**Emergency Groceries Bags**

**Distributed YTD: 117**

**Emergency Aid disbursed YTD: \$1,753.<sup>80</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Offering: \$982.<sup>00</sup>**

**Community Thanksgiving Offering:  
\$381.<sup>75</sup>**

***It is your tithes, offerings, and  
gifts that impact  
and change lives for Christ!***

## **Moment of Impact**

Our United Methodist Women have the tradition of preparing Advent bags with little gifts and scriptures to be opened during the month of December. This year 20 bags were distributed through our congregation and community to those for whom Christmas cheer would be beneficial.

Thank you, all for serving one another!



Annual Christmas Music  
Celebration  
Sunday, December 6th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Christmas brings out the best music in all of us!

Bring your family and invite your friends!  
Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. allows **all ages** to join in the festivities.

Welcome the Advent Season with music by  
the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, special musical numbers  
and, of course, a carol sing-along.

Stay after for delicious, homemade  
Christmas cookies and cider!

Invite your friends and family to get in the Christmas spirit!

Join us for  
Wednesdays Night Fun  
in Advent

December 9, December 16,  
And December 23rd ~From 6-8 p.m.

We will have pot-luck style dinner. If you are able, you are invited to bring a dish to share.

If you can't, no worries, come anyway!

It is a potluck and there is always plenty to be shared!

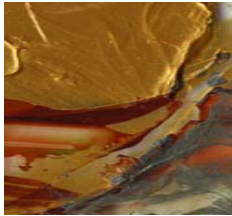
We will provide plates, utensils, drinks, and desserts.

**Come one week, come all of the weeks!**

Bring the family, bring the kids, invite your friends and neighbors!

# Advent Meditations For Your Week

**Sunday, December 6 ~ Saturday, December 12**



Jan Richardson (modern)  
*Prepare*, 2010

**SUNDAY:** Scripture: “But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;” Malachi 3:2

Devotion: The coming of God in all of God's glory is like a refiner's fire. We are perfected and sculpted. We are made uncomfortable and re-formed in the image of God. There is nothing comfortable about it at all. And yet,

this is exactly what God has called us to prepare for as we picture the coming of God. We need to be reshaped and reformed. It is God's love that drives God's commitment to us.

*Prayer: Refining God, we tremble at the idea of you as one who reshapes us and yet, this is exactly how shape us and the world into your kingdom. We pray for your kingdom to come as it is in heaven. Amen.*



Gustave Courbet. *The Stone-breakers*. 1849. Destroyed 1945.

**MONDAY:** Scripture: “See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts” Malachi 3:1

Devotion: Preparing the way of the Lord is back-breaking work. The anonymous road-builders in the painting are doing physically exhausting work removing stones and preparing the way for a new road to go through. The work we do to prepare the way of the Lord might also at times be exhausting. Caring well for those who are hard to care for. Loving the hard to love. However, this is the work

of preparing for the kingdom of God. Let us put our whole selves to it!

*Prayer: God, you have called us to the work of preparing the world for your kingdom. There are so many ways in which the world is not ready. Give us resolve and energy to continue to do the work to which you have called us. Amen.*



Lars Justinen (Modern) The  
Refiner's Fire

**TUESDAY:** Scripture: “He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.” Malachi 3:4

Devotion: The care that a refiner puts into the work of perfecting metals is inspiring. Even more, God who desires us to be made most beautifully in God's image seeks our best. God walks beside us through the challenges, comforts us when we fail, urges us on when we are discouraged, and perfects us in love.

*Prayer: We pray with love, O God, that we might be made more in your image. Refine and purify us, in your name, we pray, Amen.*





John the Baptist preaching in the desert, MFAA

**WEDNESDAY:** Scripture: “During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,” Luke 3:2-3  
Devotion: John came before Jesus, calling people to prepare for Jesus. He called the people to repent and believe. Repentance is turning away from that which you have done wrong. When we say sorry and continue to repeat our actions, we do not repent. True repentance requires our change. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we must repent and believe.

*Prayer: Holy God, we have fallen short of who you have called us to be. Forgive us we pray. Help us to change our actions and our ways. Let us repent and believe.*

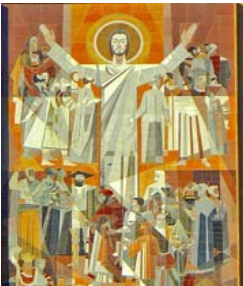


**THURSDAY:** Scripture: “As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;” Luke 3:4-5

Devotion: John preached from the scroll of Isaiah about the ways in the people would know that God has come. John called the people to life a new life that reflected these ways. God calls us, even today to do our part to work for God’s ways in our world.

*Prayer: God of the straight paths and the filled valleys, God of the low mountains and straightened crooked place, God of the rough made smooth, we pray that your way might be known to us. Amen.*

St. John the Baptist stained glass in Vermillion, Minnesota at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



**FRIDAY:** Scripture: “and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” John 3:6  
Devotion: The Word of God is never preached or shared for a select few. There are no private audiences when it comes to the invitation of the Gospel. All are invited to prepare to know and be known God. All are invited to prepare to love and be loved by God. Sheets’ mural seeks to illustrate the diversity of the people of shall hear and know the word of God.

*Prayer: Saving God, you offer to each and every one of us your incredible gift of saving grace. You offer to each of us your love and your wisdom. Let us open our hearts and receive you as we prepare more fully for the coming of Christ, In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.*

Millard Sheets, (1907-1989). Word of Life mural, 1964



Coming into focus - Rose window, from Art in the Christian Tradition

**SATURDAY:** Scripture: “And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” Philippians 1:9-11

Devotion: Preparing for the coming of Christ takes insight from knowledge and wisdom. This provocative series shows

three out of focus images of the Rose Window from the National Cathedral in Washington. The photographer seeks to illustrate the various ways your eyes (or lens) might be out of focus. During this time of preparation, seek to focus on Christ and all that is edifying.

*Prayer: Gracious God, we pray for focus on you and a mind like Christ’s. May we reflect more of you. May our lives align more and more with who you call us to be. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.*

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**Sunday:**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY ~ EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
 10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (#5)  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (#8 & 10)  
**6:30 p.m. Christmas Music Celebration!**  
**All Night Family Promise (CE Wing)**

**Monday:**

**All Day & Night**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Knit Wits (#1)  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. S.O.S. Ladies (#8, 10)  
 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

**"The Birth of Christ" Advent Bible Study (#1)**

**Tuesday:**

**All Day & Night**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Café Free Meal Ministry**  
 11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
 1:00 a.m.-2:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (#1)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Yoga-Sanc.  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. AG Wildcats (#1)

**Wednesday:**

**All Day & Night**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
 11:15 a.m.+11:30 a.m. Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  
 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Wednesday Fun in Advent (Sanc.)**  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. SPRC (TBA)  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Caregivers Meeting (#1)

**Thursday:**

**All Day & Night**

9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)  
 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

**All Day & Night**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)  
**12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. RAP (Retired Active People) Sanc., Kitchen**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Family Dodgeball (Sanctuary)**

**Saturday:**

**All Day & Night**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. JULIET Breakfast- Sunrise Café, Kennett Square**

**Sunday:**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
 10:45 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (#5)  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir  
**Thru 6 p.m. Family Promise (CE Wing)**

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on weekends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

## *Community Prayer Focus in December: Emergency Food Pantry Mission Prayer Focus in December: UMCOR*

Simon Alexander (Guepet)  
Kory Arnold  
Aunt Naomi and Cousin  
Cheryl (Haley)  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)



Fran Bryan  
Jeanette Christman (Deckard)  
Bill Cooney (O'Brien)  
Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
Bradley Dunn  
Tom Fagan  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Marcus Forst (Howard)  
Dave Hake & Family (May)  
Lonna Hudson (Hurst)  
Lee Hunt (Curtiss)  
Mike James  
Bill Jones  
Family of Richard Kreutzfeldt  
Bill Lilley  
Pam McClain

Margee Michaels  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Tim Mullen  
Kylie Myer (Hughes)  
Kathie Myhre (Miller)

Ed O'Brien  
Family of Hailey Parker (Simonds)  
James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
Tammy Ramberger  
Vernon Ramberger  
Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
Dot Russell  
Roann Schneider  
Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
Lorrie Steele  
Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
Jeanette Stryjewski  
Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Dot Weeks



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Allan Frost - South Korea (Frost)  
Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell, Colorado Springs, CO (The Rambergers)  
Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan (Simonds)  
Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD (Lynne Strawhecker)  
Chris Weidman - Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, NV (Fran Miller)

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

|                             |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers—8:30</b>          | <b><u>This Sunday, December 6</u></b> |
| <b>Ushers—11</b>            | <b>OPEN</b>                           |
| <b>Greeters—8:30</b>        | <b>OPEN</b>                           |
| <b>Greeters—11</b>          | Cindy and Mike Haley                  |
| <b>Acolyte 8:30/11</b>      | <b>OPEN</b>                           |
| <b>Nursery 8:30/9:45/11</b> | Cecelia Figueroa/Nathan Robinson      |
| <b>C. Worship—8:30/11</b>   | J. Lindtner/C. Bratton/OPEN           |
| <b>Lay Reader—8:30</b>      | Amy Castaldi / Joan Leaman            |
| <b>Liturgist—11:00</b>      | Cindy Haley                           |
| <b>Moment All Ages</b>      | Sandy Deckard                         |
| <b>Hospitality 8:30/11</b>  | Pastor Monica                         |
| <b>Counters</b>             | Rain Catoia / Wanda Kreutzfeldt       |
| <b>Sound Booth</b>          | George Anderson & Donna Shaub         |
|                             | Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider        |

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|----------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Next Sunday, December 13</u></b> |
| <b>OPEN</b>                            |
| <b>OPEN</b>                            |
| The Simonds Family                     |
| <b>OPEN</b>                            |
| Jonathan LeSturgeon / Ava Tolmie       |
| H. McCummings/K. Smith/J. Leaman       |
| <b>OPEN / OPEN</b>                     |
| Judy Gambill                           |
| Tom Hoover                             |
| Pastor Monica                          |
| Steve May / Dick & Caryl Stuhrke       |
| Dave Talley and Denise Byers           |
| Joe Dea/B. Ditzel/K. Schneider         |

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Open

**\*Opening Song** "Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord" PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*

**\*Celebration Set** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" PraiseWorks Band  
"Refiners Fire"

**\*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Karen Hruz and Kelly Hendrickson

**Advent Wreath Litany** Page 2

**Advent Song** "Lift Up Your Eyes"

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Monica

**Old Testament Lesson** *Malachi 3:1-4* Cindy Haley

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 3:1-6* Cindy Haley

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.  
Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

**Sermon** "Peace In The Kingdom" Pastor Monica

### Serve

**Moment of Impact** Advent Bags  
**Offering** "A Heart Like Yours" PraiseWorks Band

**Offertory Prayer (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Invitation** Pastor Jim

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Words of Assurance** Pastor Jim

**Great Thanksgiving in Advent** ~ *Please wait for the Ushers to guide you to communion.*  
"Breathe"

**Prayer After Receiving (Unison)** Pastor Jim

**\*Closing Song** "Sing For Joy" PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

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