

Advent Organ Vespers

A Peaceful Beginning for the Advent Season

Sunday, December 1, 2024 - 4:00 pm
Crossroads United Methodist Church

- The Organ Selections -

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659) - JS Bach
Introit - Veni Emmanuel - Pietro Yon
Noel Avec Variations - Jean Langlais
Magnificat - For He Hath Regarded the Lowliness of His Handmaiden - Marcel Dupre
Conditor Alme Siderum - Gerald Near
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear - Craig Phillips

With Poems and Readings by
Maya Angelou, George Herbert, Madeleine L'Engle, Charles Dickens and others

Featuring

Manuel Halkias, Reader
&
Christopher Dazey, Organist



120 Cleveland Ave SW
Canton, OH 44702

To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary



Sunday, December 1, 2024
10:00 am



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Our service begins with a carillon prelude at 9:45 am

You are invited during this time to make your financial offering
in one of the wooden offering boxes located at the center of the sanctuary

Please silence your electronic devices before the service begins

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Wachet Auf (Wake, Awake)

Setting by JS Bach
Text & Music at UMH no. 720

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH no. 196

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

UMH no. 882

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Lisa Varavvas
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

The Crossroads Choir
Beth Polen
Director of Music Ministries

Christopher Dazey
Organist & Carillonneur

TODAY AT CROSSROADS

Oatmeal Breakfast
6:30 am - Wesley Hall

Bible Study
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Worship
10:00 am - Sanctuary

New Vision Lunch
1:00 pm - Wesley Hall

Men of Tomorrow
3:00 pm - Youth Room and Gymnasium

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
Poinsettias are now available for \$10
Order forms are located on the wooden tables
throughout the sanctuary
Forms must be received by December 18

**NEIGHBORHOOD
CHRISTMAS SHOP**
Saturday, December 14
Community Christmas shop for 44703 residents
Toys (ages 2 - 14) and volunteers needed!
See Pastor Don to find out how you can help!

CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday, December 24
Our traditional candlelight service at 5:00 pm
Featuring the Camarada Brass with our
Christmas festival choir and organ
Music begins at 4:30 pm

Oatmeal Ministry Gift Bag
We are collecting both men's and women's socks,
individually wrapped candy and any cookies you
would like to bake or buy
for our annual gift bags
Please have your donations in by December 15!

MUSIC NOTES



Today is the first Sunday of the season of Advent, a liturgical season with scriptures, theology and music distinct from Christmas. Our service begins with the quintessential Advent chorale, Wachet Auf. The text admonishes us to be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. The right hand of the organist plays Bach's original and well-known tune, while the chorale melody is played on three different trumpet stops in the left hand. Join us today at 4:00 pm for a special Advent organ vespers service, and join us the next three Sundays for more beautiful Advent music, with handbells, choir and organ.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to our volunteer bakers
for providing over 200 dozen cookies
for the 1800 meals served
on Thanksgiving Day
at the North Canton Church of Christ!

...And so, in remembrance of the your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH no. 895

Pastor

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

***THE RECEIVING OF THE EUCHARIST**

All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

UMH no. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Setting by Paul Manz

Sleepers, Wake

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

***THE ADVENT RESPONSE**

UMH no. 206 (Refrain only)

*In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Lord's Prayer will be said during the liturgy of the Eucharist

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Setting by Sheldon Curry
Sung by the Crossroads Choir

THE THANKSGIVING & *DOXOLOGY

UMH no. 219

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21: 25 - 36

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

UMH no. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

THE INVITATION & CONFESSION

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Pastor
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Pastor
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Pastor
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you...
...And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...