



A Thrill of HOPE

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Hark the Glad Sound, Malcolm Archer
the Savior Comes

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE ENTRANCE HYMN* UMH #211
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vss. 1 - 4

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Creator of the universe,
we stand amazed at your power and
glory.
We are eager to worship you and offer
our praise,
but we are often reluctant to answer
when we hear you calling our name.
We sing our songs of tribute in the
sanctuary,
but shy away from the river,
lest we be baptized with the fire of the
Holy Spirit.
Forgive us when we forget your promise
to be with us always, O God.
Renew us with the power of your ever-
present love,
and strengthen us to proclaim your
justice throughout the world. 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.

AMEN.

THE ADVENT RESPONSE* UMH #206
Refrain of I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
Isaiah 12: 2 - 6

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Pastor
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC RC Teichler
Come, Thou Text at UMH #196
Long-Expected Jesus

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*
UMH #219 (verse 3)

THE GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 3: 7 -18

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD W&S #3045
Down by the Jordan vss. 1 - 2

THE MESSAGE Reverend Don Ackerman
His Love is Law and His Gospel is Peace

THE CLOSING HYMN* UMH #202
People, Look East

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE Craig Phillips
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal
W&S - Worship & Song

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Megan Smith
Liturgist

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Pastor

The Crossroads Choir
Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & 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

THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Wednesday, December 18

Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

Men of Tomorrow
4:00 pm - Youth Room & Gymnasium

Re-Entry
6:00 pm - Wesley Hall

Sisters of Sobriety
8:00 pm - Conference Room

Happy
Birthday

12/18 — Claudia Selby
12/19 — Michelle Evans,
Larry Smith
12/20 — Jean Keating
12/21 — Ruth Rice
12/22 — Wilbur Klotz,
Nancy Newhouse,
Nancy Pierson

CHRISTMAS 2024

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
Poinsettias are still available for \$10
Order forms are located on the wooden tables
throughout the sanctuary

Forms must be received by THIS Wednesday, December 18
for publication in the Christmas Eve Bulletin

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

Help Spread Christmas Cheer

Oatmeal Ministry Gift Bag

Both men's crew socks and women's socks are needed
Candy should be individually wrapped
We are also accepting any baked or bought cookies
Deadline for donations is today!

MUSIC NOTES



Today's organ postlude is based upon a fantastic and rhythmic hymn which, unfortunately, is not found in our Methodist Hymnal or in any of our supplements: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People. The words of the third verse tell of John the Baptist's story: For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, bidding all to true repentance, since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey, now prepare for God a way. Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

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

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