

Monticello

United Methodist Church

Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.

December 18, 2022

8:30 am

Preparation for Worship

Emmanuel is more than just a name for Christ or a song of praise: Emmanuel is the promise that we are not alone. We are never alone. –M. Scifres

Focus Scripture

Psalm 80:7

Prelude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Denton

*Call to Worship

O God, hear our call.

Stir up your strength and come to save us!

Restore us, O God.

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

For we know that new life is coming.

A child will change us all.

He will be God-with-us.

Give us life, O God, and we will forever call on your name.

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 211

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

Holy One, you send us new life in so many forms. Open our minds, that we may recognize it. Open our hearts, that we may receive it. Open our bodies, that we may embrace it. Open our souls, that we may live it. Open us this day and all days. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Light of Light

Choir

*Voices cry out from a world in grief: prayers of those who seek relief.
End their darkness, hear their call for peace on earth, goodwill for all.*

Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion.

Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.

Advent is a time to share with those in need.

God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

Kid's Time

Anthem

The World Awaits Your Coming

Choir

The world is yearning for Your peace; we pray for hate and war to cease. Lord, come and teach Your peaceful way; for all the world is waiting for the day when every conflict and divide You'll come to judge and will decide. Then nations will lay down their swords and they will train for fighting no more. The world awaits Your coming, the world awaits the day. We hear the prophet calling "Come prepare the way!" The world awaits Your coming; when heaven's work is done. So hear the people calling, "Now let Your Kingdom come!" Let earth receive the glorious peace. Blessed salvation He will bring. His throne is fixed in heaven above and He will reign with justice and with love. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Message

*Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 234

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Paxton

Doxology

No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

Come Emmanuel, come. Bless these gifts with your presence, that we may be an Emmanuel people: nourished by your grace, imbued with your love, and entrusted with your calling. Amen.

*Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 240

Announcements

Benediction

Go forth with anticipation and longing.
Go forth trusting the promises of God. **Amen.**

Postlude

And The Glory of the Lord

Chesterton

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The Altar flowers are given today by:

Matt & Kelly Crawford, in celebration of Ben's birthday and Adoption Day.

Dale & Nancy Huising, in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary.

Staff and Worship Assistants:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

Director of Music: Kathy Brown

Director of Family Ministries: Melanie Burger

Director of Youth Ministries: Will Pontious

Organists: Gloria Cardoni & Mary Ellen Dean

Director of Bell Choir: Barb Ozier

Light of Light

Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY



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Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM
Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live
10:45a in person

If you are visiting, we welcome you and invite you to Fellowship with coffee and conversation at Café 2020. We also have a Sunday School Hour from 9:45-10:30 am.* We offer adult classes, our Orchard Children’s Ministry classes for Preschool-5th grade, and our bi-weekly Orchard 567 class for our 5th-7th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please join us as we dig into God’s Word.

During today’s service, please know that individual wireless receivers are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents with babies, and our Kids’ Corner is stocked with things to educate and entertain your children as well.

*On 5th Sundays we have one combined worship service at 10 am, with Sunday School at 9 am.

Calendar

Today

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online
 and on radio
9:45 am Sunday School classes
 (Adult and The Orchard)
10:45 am Worship, in-person
4:30-8:15 pm Youth Group
 –Progressive Dinner

Monday, December 19

4:00 pm T.O.P.S (Take Off Pounds
 Sensibly)

Wednesday, December 21

1:00 pm **NO** Bible Study

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day

10:00 am Worship

Looking Ahead:

December 26 Office is Closed.
January 1 One Service, 10 am
January 16 Finance Committee mtg
January 17 Church Council