



*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 19, 2021

8:30 am

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### Preparation for Worship

The characters in the Advent story experienced the transformation of their questioning and fearful human attitudes by encountering God. Through these Advent services, we encounter God, confront our human attitudes and experience and celebrate the transforming power of Christ's love on Christmas Day. --R. Buursma

Focus Scripture

Micah 5:2-5a

Prelude

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Arr. Hughes

**Congregation:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Come to our hearts and in our presence dwell. We wait in hope for peace once again. Return to us the joy of Bethlehem. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come in love, our darkness to dispel.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Anthem

*Light of Love*

Choir

### \*Call to Worship

Stir up your might, O God. Come and transform us!

**May faith replace our fearfulness.**

Give us a sign that you are with us.

**May we hear the voices of the angels!**

\*Hymn

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

No. 236

Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**God of joyous expectations, come to us this day. May the miracles of our lives fill us with wonder. May the transformation of the shepherds fill our lives with your grace and mercy. Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 2:8-20

Kid's Time

Message *Transformation of the Shepherds*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Offertory

*He Shall Feed His Flock*

Handel

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**God only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.**

Hymn

*People Look East*

No. 202

Announcements

Benediction

Our transformation is almost complete!  
Let us continue to listen and look for the angels to speak to us. **Amen!**

Postlude

*Fantasia on "Adeste Fidelis"*

Smith

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Organist: Mary Ellen Dean

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Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



Our Staff:

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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 and invite you to Fellowship coffee and conversation at Café 2020. Ask about any of the events named in this bulletin. You will be welcomed!

Individual wireless receivers and children’s activity bags are available from the ushers. Rocking Chairs are located at the back for parents of babies.

**Chancel Flowers** The flowers are in celebration of Debbie and Mike Westjohn’s 45th Wedding Anniversary!

**Food Pantry Needs:** Please feel free to bring Advent calendar items in at any time. We have empty shelves in toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap and fruit. Thank you for your continued support during this very busy time of year.

On Tuesday, December 21 at 7 pm we will have a *Longest Night Service* (also called a Blue Christmas Service). This service begins by gathering in honesty about grief, hearing the consolation found in God’s presence and love, and departing with the joy that comes from memory and a sense of shared peace. All are invited to attend.

Our **Christmas Eve Services** will be at 4 pm and 7 pm with the Children’s Choir singing at the 4 pm service.

The Bible study is scheduled to begin a new study on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 1:00 p.m. at the MUMC. It is a 6 session study with a weekly video and a study book. If you want Wendy to order you a book please let her know no later than WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

### Calendar

#### **Today**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and radio  
9:45 am      All Sunday School classes!  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person  
5:00 pm      Youth Group Christmas Party!

#### **Monday, December 20**

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

#### **Tuesday, December 21**

8:15 am      Just Walking  
7 pm          Longest Night Service

#### **Thursday, December 23**

8:15 am      Just Walking

#### **Friday, December 24**

4:00 pm      Christmas Eve Service -Angel  
Choir performs  
7:00 pm      Christmas Eve Service

#### **Sunday, December 26**

8:30 am      Worship, in-person, online and radio  
9:45 am      All Sunday School classes!  
10:45 am     Worship, in-person

