

# 11:00 AM WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

## Entrance

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

GREETING †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” UMH 204  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

**PRELUDE** “Come to the Light” Arr. by Mary McDonald  
Bryan Heller, Pianist

**\*LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE †**  
Tom, Becky, Bradley & Sarah Roberts

Reader: “In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.” *Luke 2: 8-10*

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

**People:** Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Reader: On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP †**

Reader: Tell the timid to take heart.

**People:** The Lord our God will come!

Reader: We wait for the word of the Lord as we wait for the rains

**People:** and our God shall come down upon us like gentle dew.

Reader: The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.

**People:** Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands.

**All:** The Lord will come and rule for ever. Alleluia.

**\*OPENING PRAYER †**

Reid Horne

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

UMH 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**CHILDREN’S WELCOME SONG** (11:00)

(Children are invited to the front of the church for the Children’s Moment as we sing:)

“Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** (11:00)

Pastor Richelle

(Children may exit to Children’s Church following the Children’s Moment.)

**Proclamation and Response**

Isaiah 9:2-7 †

**\*AFFIRMATION**

UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

“Waiting”

By Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS ANSWERED, PRAYERS REQUESTED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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. *Choral Response (11:00)*

**PRAISING GOD THROUGH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS †**

**OFFERTORY**

Arr. by Carolyne M. Taylor

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**SERMON**

“Knowing How to Wait”

The Rev. Dr. Richelle Sampl

Luke 2:25-38

**Sending Forth**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“People, Look East”

Verses 1-3, UMH 202

**\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“Christ Beside Me”

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me—King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me—never to part.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Arr. by Mary McDonald

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

**“And Now Our Service Begins”**

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

†Led by Lay Reader

**Isaiah 9:2-7 † (NRSV)**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Luke 2:25-38 (NRSV)**

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” <sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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## Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

### Membership

If you would like to become a member, contact Pastor Richelle at the church office at (828) 743-5298 or at csampl@wnccumc.net.

- Affiliate Member - A member who chooses to retain his/her membership in one UMC while, at the same time, is a member of another UMC
- Associate Member - A member of another denomination while, at the same time, is a member of the UMC
- Full Professing Member - A professing member of the UMC
- Baptized Member - A member baptized but not yet confirmed, usually due to his/her young age. The confirmation process begins as early as 10 years old.
- Professing Member - Baptized and confirmed member of the UMC
- Constituent - Attends the UMC frequently but has not yet joined as a member

### Our Stewardship

As United Methodists, we vow to be faithful to God and Christ's church with our time, talent, gifts, service, and witness.

**Worship Attendance Last Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. - 102

### Discipleship Groups

Wednesday Bible Study: 22 UMM: 20

Men's Emmaus: 9 Women's Emmaus: 6

Choir: 27 Kreative Kidz Zone: Kids/25 Adults/8

MMO: 22 Youth: 7 Adult Sunday School: 16

**Our Giving through 12/3/17 - (Does not include special offerings)**

YTD Budget: \$590,940 YTD Giving: \$531,449 YTD Shortfall: \$59,491

Weekly Needs: \$12,060 Weekly Giving: \$11,319 (12/3) Weekly Shortfall: \$741

### **Truth Seekers Sunday School Class**

This adult class for couples and singles, led by David Wansley, meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday in the first room on the right as one goes down the hall in the education wing. The theme for Bible lessons through March is "Faith in Action" with scriptures from the Old and New Testaments. Out faithful activity showers others with love that flows from our faith. "... faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity." *James 2:17* CEB

**Third through fifth graders have an exciting new class on Sundays through Lent!** "My Testament: A Picture and Word Journal About Me and God" by author, Mark Burrows, is being taught by Laura Plush and Jim Keeble in the green room following the Children's Moment. Join us!

**Large Print Hymnals are available** at each entrance to the sanctuary.

**Hearing Aid Loop** - Our audio-visual system includes a hearing aid inductive loop system in the Sanctuary. A hearing aid loop makes it possible for hearing impaired persons to hear audio through their hearing aids without any additional apparatus. The only requirement for listeners is that they wear a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil *and* that the telecoil be turned on after being appropriately set. A telecoil is included on most new hearing aids to enable inductive pickup of the telephone receiver.

**Earphones** are also available for anyone who would like to use them. Please see an usher for assistance.

## Worship Leadership

### Lay Reader

### December 10

Reid Horne

### December 17

Melissa Reed

### Ushers

Sandi Bessette  
Barbara Hyde  
Carl Hyde  
Jim Webb

Donna Lehn  
Margaret McRae  
Will McRae  
Bob Reed

### Audio/Visual

Bill Duncan

Barry Caponi

### Acolyte

Hope Ward

Sarah Roberts

### Children's Church

Malinda Holley  
Amy Woods

Laura Plush  
Jim Keeble

### Coffee in the Commons

Vanna Cameron

Julie Shumpert

# Cashiers United Methodist Church



*By the Grace of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are working together to know, love, serve, and share Christ with our community and the world.*

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*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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