

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

Prelude and Tolling of the Bell
Coming of the Light
Welcome and Announcements

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Morning Call to Worship:
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And be light for our darkness.

Be comfort in our grief, Be a friend for our loneliness,
An oasis for our searching.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Candle of Peace

*Hymn of Promise.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.....#384

A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent: (please join in unison)
God in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*Observe the Peace of Christ: (Isaiah 54:10) *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”*

Canticle of Light and Darkness.....#205

Children's Time.....”Jesus Loves Me”.....#191

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Epistle Lesson.....Phillippians 1:3-11

*Hymn of Hope“Angels from the Realms of Glory”.....#220

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles' Creed”.....#881

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (*baskets are placed at the entrance and exit for your convenience*)

*Doxology.....#95

*Offertory Prayer

Sermon.....“The Waiting Game”.....Pastor Ben Rogers
Luke 3:1-6

Prayer of Invocation: (please join in unison)

Loving God, be to us as a bulldozer of the spirit. Clear your road in us; clear a path through the accumulation of possessions and obsessions. Thrust aside our divided aims and devious games. Topple the ramparts of pride and the doubts the deride. Make a highway on which Christ may come and take possession of the whole territory of our being. To the glory of your name, we pray. Amen!

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Commitment...“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”.....#211

*Benediction:

Can you be a voice crying in the wilderness? Can you proclaim that God is active in the world? Maybe? The time is near, of the crowning of the year. We sing with angels, setting the roadways and buildings humming. As people who are being changed, we go into a world that is being changed. Ready to share the Good News that the long-expected Jesus is coming, that we are being freed from whatever binds us. Glory be to God! Who walks with us, sings with us, and struggles with us, each and every day. Amen.

*Postlude

***Please Stand If Able**

^^ Please remember during/after the tolling of the bell occurs to be seated and prepare your hearts for worship. ^^



Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **Today-** Feed The Hungry Sunday (Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items for Fairfield Community Food Bank.)
- ❖ **Monday, December 6-** UMW & Fairfield Christian Men (7pm at Bethel)
- ❖ **Thursday, December 9-** PPRC Meeting (Bethel & Monticello at 6:30pm at Bethel)
- ❖ **Sunday, December 12-** Moravian Love Feast & The Chosen Watch Along (4pm at Bethel)
- ❖ **Monday, December 13-** Covenant Prayer Group (11am at Bethel)
- ❖ **Friday, December 24-** Christmas Eve Worship Service (5pm at Bethel)
- ❖ Visit us online at www.fairfieldcircuitumc.org, Like our Facebook Page (BethelUMC Winnsboro), and subscribe to our YouTube channel (FairfieldCircuit)

Lectionary Readings (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 12:2-6; Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Ellen Bradley, Allen Brock, Don Gunter, Helen Suber & Family, Sammie Burley, Robert Davis, Noelani Dirnbauer, Sandra Harrison, Lindsey Gunter & the Gunter family, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Bruno Schrieber, Irene Dukes, The Robinson & Nunamaker Family, The Houck Family, Tom & Brenda Davis, Brenda Crone & Family, Laura Collins, Sandra Pherigo, Gretchen & Guy Burley, Harvey Hutto, Buck Morrison, Ernie Crawford, Sandra Harrison

Bethel UMC- Bob Bazinet, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, William Bundrick, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove, Epworth Children's Home, Buddy Beckham, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Gary & Lana Swancey, Billy Neal, Ford Sweeney, Jimmie & Gloria Parker, Elisha Carbonaro, Mike & Alona Shook, Jan Velez, Sheryl Ashford, Todd Cornwell, Jerry Arnold, Mary Cathryn Wilson, Joseph Schachner, The Inman Family, Marian Faile, Huley Perry, Baker Norris, Terry Dent, William Hobgood, Jimmy Perry, Bobby Mobley, Janet Davis, Carrie Lathan, The Zimmerman Family, Matthew Rucker, unity in our county, state, nation, and world,

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