

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

***CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning, God created all we can see and all we cannot.

And God made us. We are made in the image of God.

No one has ever met a God like this, who works for those who wait and do what is right.

But we've sinned and kept at it so long; we deserve your anger.

Like at creation, we long for God to rip open the heavens, come down, and make us anew.

We bow before you, asking for grace and mercy.

Rejoice, children! Our God is ready to remold and reshape us.

***OPENING HYMN**

Hymn of Promise

#707

WE PROCLAIM

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Creating, Redeeming, Sustaining God, You have given us the gift of unrelenting grace. It is a gift that saves, a connection that sustains, and a holiness that is found in complete love of God, neighbor, and self. In this season of expectation, help us to remember and trust in your promises. Amen.

You, LORD, are our Father. We are nothing but clay, but you are the potter who molded us. (Isaiah 6:8)

As we light this Advent candle, may we remember that our hope is that we might claim a United Methodist way of life where we can see all persons as worthy of the life that our Creator desires for us.

SONG OF ADVENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#196

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Isaiah 64, Genesis 1:27

REFLECTION

Alaire Willits

WE RESPOND

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Change My Heart, O God

#2152

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE GIVE OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of hope, you not only gave us the gift of life, but you came so that we might have life to the fullest. Remembering that everything comes from you, including our very own lives, we're giving back to you a portion of what we have received. Use this offering, joyfully given by your children, to further the ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

liturgy will be on the screen

All are welcome and invited to come receive the elements.

WE GO FORTH

***HYMN OF SENDING**

O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs 1, 3, 4

#230

WE GO TO PRACTICE LOVE AND HOPE

***BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

Children of God, we know the world might not share our values or way of life, yet we have hope in the love of God that transcends all things. With restored identity, go with hope, joy and assurance as we live the spirit of Advent: waiting, watching and working. In the name of the triune God. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

Go Now, In Peace

#665

***POSTLUDE**

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6—YOUTH GROUP WILL BE TRAVELING TO ALGONA TO SEE THEIR NATIVITY SCENE, WITH SUPPER FOLLOWING AT PASQAULES IN HUMBOLDT. MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7—UWF MEETS IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM @ 9:30AM