

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent— Peace

PRELUDE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Lewis H Redner

(8:00 am)

PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Bach

(10:00 am)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Owens

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN No. 206** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Houston

ANTHEM

“We Wait for Thee”

Victor Johnson

(10:00 am only)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

Leader: Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.

People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

Leader: We long today for peace among nations.

People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

Leader: We long today for peace among races.

People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

Leader: We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.

People: May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Come, Lord Jesus, Come”

Joel Raney

*PSALTER

Psalms 126

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*GLORIA PATRIA No. 71

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using sins)

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 am only)

*Doxology No. 95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

“Luke 2:1-7”

MESSAGE

“Gifts and Christmas”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 218**

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF THE LIGHT

(10:00 am only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 am)

“Masters in This Hall”

Traditional French Carol

POSTLUDE

(10:00 am)

“Hark the Glad Sound”

arr. Greene

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, cellist Chad Betts, and our Chancel Choir. The 8 AM pianist is Nettie Swart.

LITURGIST today is Tawni Betts.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES today are Gary & Sherry Rowe (8:00AM) and The Randy Huck Family (10:00 AM).

ACOLYTES today are front candles: Hayden Schuler and Ainsley Schuler and aisle Candles: David Huffman and Grady Corey.

USHERS today are Team 2, George Lilja – Captain.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in memory of Nick & Hazel Merenick, Elsie Lyon Hollabaugh, Mabel & Scott Phillips, and David & Mary Merenick, given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merenick & family.

PRAYER CONCERNS can be found in our weekly email Newsletter.

Offering plates **WILL NOT** be passed during worship but instead will be available at the door.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Our stewardship campaign for 2022 is coming to a close. Please remember to ***return your pledge card*** to the church office. If you need a pledge card, you may pick one up at the office or visit our website at www.firstumwarren.com.

SILVER WINDS FLUTE CHOIR ~ Presents a free concert, Joyful Reunion, on Monday, December 6, 2021 in the First United Methodist Church's Sanctuary at 7:00 PM.

ANGEL TREE ~ Our church has a long tradition of supporting those in need, and this Christmas Season, the demand continues to be great. The Angel Tree gifts will be given to children at a Christmas Party to be held in Founder's Hall on Saturday, December 11th at 1:00 PM. You are welcome to join in the Angel Tree Christmas Party fun.

UMYF ~ Christmas party (all ages combined) 6:00 PM—8:00 PM on December 19th. There will be games, snacks, and a white elephant gift exchange. We invite the youth to bring something from home that they don't use anymore or a gag gift with the gift exchange. On December 29th, we will have a game and gym day here for grades 6-12 from 11:30 AM—3:30 PM. If students need a ride, they can contact Jason Wood, Director of Student Ministry.

FAITH ON FOOT ~ At the Crossing on December 19th at 2:00 PM, 6th—12th Graders are invited to Faith on Foot's Christmas at the Crossing holiday fun. There will be games, music, cookies, and even a gift exchange. Please bring a \$3.00 gift for the gift exchange, but you are welcome to attend even if you do not have a gift. ~ Masks are encouraged but not required. The Faith on Foot team will have every participant sign in and out of the event.

COMMUNITY SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ There is a signup on the bulletin board for our 2021 Senior Christmas Party across from the office. At 11:30 AM, Punch and Hors d'oeuvres will be available, with dinner being served at noon.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE ~ The Christmas Eve Worship Service at The First United Methodist Church will begin on December 24th at 7:30 PM with a musical prelude. Our Service of Candlelight will begin at 8:00 PM.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
December 5, 2021 – December 11, 2021

SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Advent—PEACE
8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Chapel
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Nativity Scene Walkthrough
5:30 PM UMYF Grades 6 -7; Youth Room
6:30 PM UMYF Grades 8—12; Youth Room

MONDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry; Covert Room
12:00 PM Staff Christmas Lunch; Covert Room
6:00 PM Children’s Incarceration Support Group; Covert Room
6:00 PM Adult Incarceration Support Group; Founder’s Hall
7:00 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir Concert; Sanctuary

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
12:30 PM Tuesday Study Group; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Children & Youth Music Program; Choir Room
4:30 PM Faith on Foot Planning Meeting; The Crossing
6:30 PM Epworth Handbells
7:00 PM Payer Shawl Ministry; Covert Room

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
8:45 AM Covenant Disciple Group
12:30 PM Book Club Christmas Lunch; Shirley Crone’s
3:30 PM LOGOS—Christmas Theme
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Preschool
12:00 PM Christmas Service; Sanctuary
12:30 PM Thursday Lunch; Founder’s Hall
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
4:00 PM Decorating for Angel Tree Christmas Party; Founder’s Hall
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
6:00 PM Divorce Care Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder’s Hall

SATURDAY

1:00 PM Angel Tree Christmas Party; Founder’s Hall

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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POINSETTIAS

I would like to participate in the Poinsettia Fund.

The cost of each plant is \$10.00 if ordered through the Church.

MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

Flowers given by _____

I wish to purchase _____ Poinsettia(s) at a total cost of
\$ _____.

I wish to give \$ _____ to the Flower Fund.

I will _____ I Will **NOT** _____ be picking up my poinsettia(s) up
after the service on December 26, 2021.

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS IS

December 12, 2021

No Orders will be accepted after this date.

