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Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30 AM

A Tangible Hope ~ The Candle of Promise

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Maranatha

by Chuisano

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Promise, are you ready for it?

P: **Yes! God encourages us to find sanctuary in the Light of His Love and in the promise of everlasting life.**

L: In the light of God's love, look for hope! Even though the signs may be small, they will sprout up if you are guided by God's light.

P: **With our minds focused and our hearts open, we will look toward the light of God.**

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL SING (to the tune of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”): No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the promise of the Lord.

Piano

No mat - ter where we are on our jour - ney, our feet will tread in the li - ght of the Lord.

No mat - ter where we are on our jour - ney, our feet will tread in the prom - ise of the Lord.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Emmanuel is Coming* by Price, Besig

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 103** (black hymnal) *Watcher, Tell Us of the Night*

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Immanuel* by Townend

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (vs. 1 & 5, see next page for music) *Star Child*

ALL SING: Star Child, earth-Child, go between of God, love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod, This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign, down-to-earth Child, Star of stars that shine, This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

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Piano

1. Star - Child, earth - Child, go - be - tween of God,
5. Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu - pend - ous sign,
love Child, Christ Child, heav - en's light - ning rod,
down - to - earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day ar - rive when
Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(8 AM) **HYMN NO. 103** (black hymnal)

Watcher, Tell Us of the Night

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: We confess that throughout our life's journey, we overlook simple signs of hope offered by God, not realizing that symbols of simplest origin can carry the greatest of promises. Forgetting to be generous with our gifts, we focus on ourselves. We hold grudges instead of offering forgiveness. We allow distractions to disconnect us from the world. We lose sign of God's glorious light which offers unconditional love and grace. Loving God, grant your forgiveness, renewing us so that we may focus our minds and open our hearts to walk in your glorious light.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE

ALL SING: No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the promise of the Lord.

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Piano

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feet will tread in the li - ght of the Lord.
No mat - ter where we are on our jour - ney, our
feet will tread in the prom - ise of the Lord.

(10:30 AM) **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Sarah Shaffer

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

HYMN NO. 109 (black hymnal)

With Joy, Draw Water

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11: 1-10

SERMON & THE CANDLE OF PROMISE

ALL SING: No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the promise of the Lord.

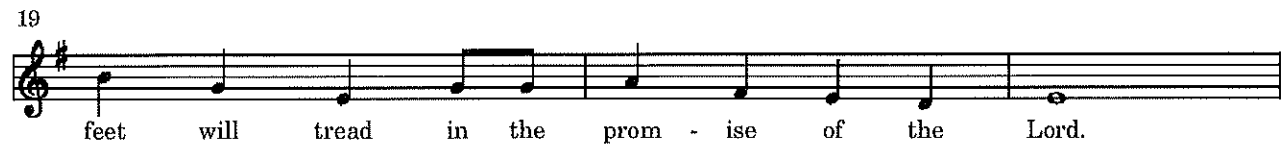
PRAYER

ALL SING: No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the promise of the Lord.

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*BENEDICTION

ALL SING: No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the promise of the Lord.



POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

by Nikolai

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Advent worship team for planning today's service. The worship team consists of Melody Stine, JJ Rhinehart, Danika Dallam, Jen Cooper, Dani Kardisco, & Pastor Danielle.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Danika, Drew, Holt, & Hayden Dallam

8 AM Sound Tech: Mary Jane Snyder

8 AM Video Tech: Dave Beyer

8 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Pam Minnich

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Melody & Maggie Stine; Kathleen & Maddie Haugh

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Coordinated by Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Dani Kardisco & Vanessa Bicher

WOW Kids: Jackie Kubala & Dani Devine

¹The call to worship and the prayer of confession were written by Jennifer Cooper.

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*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*Isa. 21:11-12**John Bowring, 1825; alt.*

1 Watch-er, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-er, tell us of the night, high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-er, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav - eler, O a won-drous sight! See that glo-ry - beam-ing star!
 Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
 Trav - eler, shad-ows take their flight, doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.

Watch-er, does its beau - teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?
 Watch-er, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-er, you may go your way; has - ten to your qui - et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el!
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth!
 Trav-eler, I re - joice to-day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

This hymn, a dialogue between watcher and traveler, was suggested by the dialogue in Isaiah 21:11-12. John Bowring was a gifted linguist, worker for political and social reform, member of Parliament, and governor of Hong Kong.

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH 7.7.7.D.

Joseph Parry, 1879

Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

C D Em Am7 Bm7 Em

lamb, the lamb, the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
 sea, the sea, as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
 wild, grow wild, the brier and the thorn tree grow wild.
 joy, in joy, your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

With Joy Draw Water

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Anne McKinstry, 1986, 1993

Isa. 11:1-10; 12:2-6

1 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.
 2 A shoot has sprung from Jes - se's tree; of God the cho - sen One.
 3 With love the poor will be re - ceived; the proud will turn a - side;
 4 The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the calf and li - on play.
 5 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.

The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!
 A branch of knowl - edge and of truth; a gift of love has come!
 And faith - ful - ness will be a path, and righ - teous - ness the guide!
 God's peace shall dwell with - in the land; a child shall show the way!
 The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!

This text combines images from two Advent readings from the book of Isaiah, including the passage anticipating the reign of peace. The author, Anne McKinstry, has served as a writer-in-residence at Otis United Church of Christ in Massachusetts.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA altered to 8.6.8.6.
 Irish traditional melody
 Harm. Charles V. Stanford, 1906