

**December 1, 2024-First Sunday of Advent 10:30 AM**

*\*Those who are able, please stand\**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME** We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We sincerely hope the service will inspire you and be a blessing to you. This is the First Sunday of Advent. Today we look forward to Advent-Christmas-Epiphany.

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Lucy & Lincoln Skiff and Jack and Helen Trevett, given by the Trevett Family

December 2, 2024 Free Lunch w/ North Main UMC, Nancy Marsh, Penna Smith, Nancy Egan; Free Lunch Christmas Party December 16, 2024

December 4, 2024 CAPTAIN

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2024 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM Candle Light Service

Christmas Day Free Lunch with North Bush and Northville UMC 11:00-12:30

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (Pianist) Mavis Baldwin

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (In Unison)

God, we are ready now. We desperately need peace and healing. We long to receive the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who will shine your love brightly for us in this world. Your peace is within each of us, every moment of every day. Make us ready this Advent season to receive the harvest of your love and the peace that we need from this day forward. In Christ we are made new.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing. Christ is on His way

People: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: In the days, before the final coming of Christ in glory, there will be mighty signs.

People: In these days marked by cold air and growing night, gather us in your secret place of waiting. Remind us that the dark is not empty. Show us where new life is being formed.

Leader: These new days will remind us of God’s eternal presence and power.

People: If only the heavens would tear open and God would come down.

Leader: In the days to come, the house of the Lord will be established as the highest of all the mountains.

People: The mountains would shake and tremble, all earth would stand in awe!

Leader: We want to be ready for that time. Help us to be aware of our blessings.

People: In God’s house we will find healing and hope for this coming year.

**The lighting of the Advent Candle** Penna Smith...The Candle of Hope  
Light the Advent Candle vs 1 TFWS 2090

**GATHERING HYMN:** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ” UMH 196

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (In Unison)

God of love and mercy, we thank you for your loving presence in our lives. You have formed us in your image, and you continue to transform us as we grow in faith. Break through the darkness in our lives and let the light of your love flood in, that we may become more productive disciples of Jesus Christ. Our cries have been heard and the Word which resides with God is ready to come to us. Lord, hear our pleas and enter our hearts and lives this day. Help us to be ready for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN.

**Time with God’s Children**

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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.

**PRAYER RESPONSE** “Open Our Eyes Lord” TFWS 2086

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “God So Loved the World” Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING**

Lord, as you have shined the light of your love into our lives; may the same brightness of your love be revealed to us today. Bless these gifts, O Lord, and help them to bring the transforming love you have given us into ministries of hope and peace in this our Church, our Community and in our world  
Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit and let it be with us according to your word, for nothing is impossible with you. AMEN.

**SONG OF COMMITMENT** “In Remembrance of Me” TFWS 2254

**Psalter Reading:** Canticle of Hope UMH 734

**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostle’s Creed UMH 881

**Gloria Patri:** (We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible) UMH 70

**Scripture Readings** Jeremiah 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36

**SHARING THE STORY** “Watch and Wait” Pastor Joyce

HOLY COMMUNION (See Bulletin Insert)

**SENDING SONG** “O Come all Ye Faithful” UMH 234

**THE SENDING FORTH** (unison)

The light of the Candle of hope goes before us, offering hope and healing to a darkened world. Go into the world, confident in God’s presence with you. Bring the words and actions of peace to all God’s people. And the blessings of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always. AMEN..

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Mavis Baldwin

**Prayer List:** The family of Mary Steele, Mike Frederick’s Mother Ann, Nancy Marsh’s Friend in the death of their 6 year old Granddaughter, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Logan Rose, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Family of Andrea Russell and for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezosky, James’s Mother \*\*\*

**Worship Reader today is Certified Lay Servant Penna Smith**  
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