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### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 am Traditional**

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

December 10, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.

## Second Sunday of Advent

*“Come close to God and He will come close to you.” James 4:8*

*For more than 75% of Americans, Christmas is the most favorite time of the year. People want to come to church at Christmas. People are actually waiting for someone to ask them to come!!! People want to be asked. They want to be in church at Christmas!*

*(\* Stand, if able.)*

### MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

**\*OPENING HYMN**     “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*verses 1-4*)     UMH # 211  
*Antiphon 1 and Verse 1*  
*Antiphon 2 and Verse 2*  
*Antiphon 3 and Verse 3*  
*Antiphon 4 and Verse 4*

### \*OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

Liturgist

**Lord, we have prepared our homes and our gifts, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Lord, free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

### SHARING GREETINGS (*Please greet someone that you do not know.*)

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE TWO:

**Reading:** Mark 1:4

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CAROL

“Light the Advent Candle” (*verse 2*)

TFWS # 2090

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Ivene Parker

Congregational Response UMH # 38

**\*HYMN**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
*(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

UMH # 240

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SONG**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:8-11

Liturgist

“That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. Then **an angel of the Lord stood before them**. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and they became very frightened.

**The angel said to them**, “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people. Today your Savior was born in the town of David. He is Christ, the Lord.”

**\*HYMN**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
*(verses 1 and 2; interlude between verses)*

UMH # 196

**MESSAGE**

“Do You Believe in Angels?”

Pastor Yohan Baek

**SERMON NOTES**



Note 1:

Note 2: We need an angel from God the most when we face dangers, uncertainties, or challenges in life.

Note 3: We need an angel to **protect** us from any harm or danger, to **guide** us through troubled times, to **correct** us, when we stray from God’s way.

Note 4: Malachi 3:1–4

The Lord All-Powerful says, “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way for me. Suddenly, the Lord you are looking for will come to his Temple; the messenger of the agreement, whom you want, will come.”

Note 5: During the time of this passage, an angel was an envoy, sent by God to prepare the hearts of the people to hear God’s will.

Note 6: In the Bible God has sent many angels to us as **prophets, psalmists, and apostles** to us. And God still sends angels to us in the form of **brothers and sisters, as friends, or even as strangers.**

Note 7: Luke 1:18

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this is true? I am an old man and my wife also is old."

Note 8: Zechariah and Elizabeth lowered their expectation. They came to accept their barrenness. **He prayed and did not expect answers to his prayers in extraordinary ways.**

Note 9: **We set our expectations, on the basis of our experiences and circumstances rather than the word of God.**  
**We need to elevate our expectations above what we see.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“O Holy Night”

*See Insert*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Yohan Baek

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

*UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)*

*TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

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