
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018

*You are welcome to stand as you are able. **Congregational parts in bold.**

CENTERING MUSIC

Please ponder this quote in your meditations as you prepare and center yourself for worship:

I believe that a trusting attitude and a patient attitude go hand in hand. You see, when you let go and learn to trust God, it releases joy in your life. And when you trust God, you're able to be more patient. Patience is not just about waiting for something... it's about how you wait, or your attitude while waiting. By, Joyce Meyer

WELCOME Liturgists: 8:00 am- Jessie G, Student Intern /10:45 am- Michelle P

- Please take a moment to register your presence on the Fellowship Pad. You are asked to list each individual attending with you separately and all contact information.
- If you are visiting us this morning, **WELCOME!** We encourage you to let us know by raising your hand, when invited by the liturgist at the beginning of the service. We will bring you a visitor gift bag. In that bag, you will find a heart pin representing God's LOVE and information about the life and ministries of Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church. Please come again soon!
- Everyone is welcome to check out our Events Pillar in the room just outside this sanctuary.
- Prayer cards are in the chair racks in the Sanctuary. If you have a specific prayer, joy or concern, you are invited to write it out and place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.

INTROIT 10:45 am *Sing We Now of Christmas* Altar Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jessie G, Student Intern (8am & 10:45am)

L: Listen! Listen for a messenger from God.

The way is being prepared for Christ's coming.

P: We are here to listen for a word from God.

We have gathered to prepare for Christ's advent.

L: Come with your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears.

There is a place for you in the company of seekers.

P: We thank God for our acceptance in the church.

We rejoice to offer the love of Christ to others.

L: We are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Claim anew today this opportunity and responsibility.

P: We are glad God is doing great things among us.

We want to rejoin ourselves to God's work in the world.

***OPENING SONG** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* Red Hymnal pg. 209

***OPENING PRAYER**

Jessie G, Student Intern (8am & 10:45am)

How good it is to gather where garments of sorrow and affliction are removed. Here, we are wrapped in the beauty of God's glory and welcomed to life at its fullest. Surely you restore us to our best, mighty God, and equip us for productive living. Make a difference within and among us today so we can work for a better tomorrow. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

Pastor Wendee Nitz

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Advent 2 – The Promise of Peace – Isaiah 40:1-11

*Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.* (Psalm 85:8-10)

One: Can you hear it?

Many: What is it?

One: God's Word is coming.

Many: We're listening. We're eager to hear.

One: A voice cries out and declares the Promise of Peace.

Many: We stand in awe.

One: Things are going to even out in the world.

Many: All people will embrace each other.

One: Today we light the candle of Peace. (Light the second candle.)

All: Our peace comes from God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Red Hymnal pg. 218

SONG FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 145:8-21 Red Hymnal pg. 857-858

ANTHEM 10:45 am *O Come to Set Us Free* Altar Choir

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Malachi 2:17-3:5 838/889
Old Testament/Pew Bible

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:67-79 54/58
L: A word for God's people
P: Thanks be to God
New Testament/Pew Bible

MESSAGE *Ways of Peace* Pastor Wendee Nitz
SONG OF PRAYER *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* *Red Hymnal pg. 206*
SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE Jessie G, Student Intern
(8am & 10:45am)

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 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.

(*may also say trespasses or debts)

SHARING OUR GIFTS *Do You Hear What I Hear* Altar Choir

*SONG OF PRAISE (sung) *Red Hymnal pg. 94*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*WE SAY THANK YOU TOGETHER Jessie George, Student Intern (8 am & 10:45 am)

How good you have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* *Red Hymnal pg. 211*
(vs. 1, 2, 3, & 4)

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT Pastor Wendee Nitz

*CLOSING MUSIC

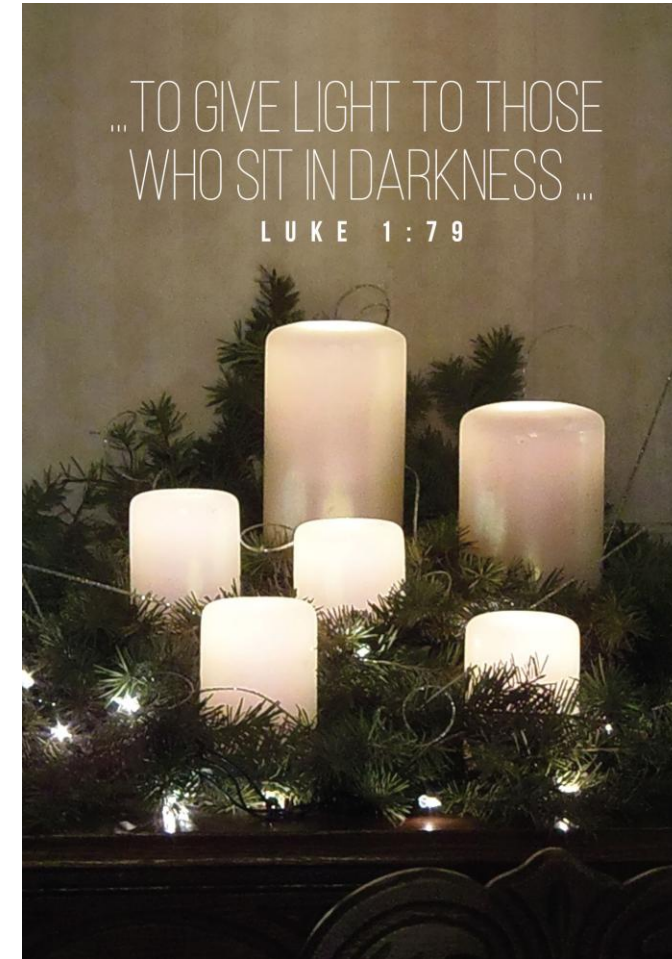
Resources: *Advent Wreath Narratives for Lectionary Year 2*, by Martha Spong
Gathered By Love, Lavon Bayler

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No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.

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