



SUNDAY WORSHIP AT
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021



Joys and Celebrations

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude

“Lonely Midnight” (CCLI)

When the Prelude begins, please prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.

Introit

“Lift Up Your Heads”

Call to Worship

Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

We know deep within that our hopes and fears

Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

It is Advent –

Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Advent –

Time to go home.

*Hymn 211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Two thousand years ago, Christ came to bring us salvation, and He has promised to come again. Today, we ask that this, our Advent Wreath, serve to remind us to watch and be ready for His return.

Let us pray together that we may always be ready to welcome Him:

Oh Immanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives. In the midst of lists and rush, you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us. Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and

holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Immanuel with us once again. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Anthem

"O Magnify the Lord"

Children's Time

John Crabtree

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Scripture

Luke 21:25-36

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Messiah Is Coming"

Closing Prayer

*Hymn 715: VS 1, 2, 4

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Reception of New Members

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

(Items in **BOLD** are unison)

(Items with an asterisk [*] denotes standing as you are able.)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
05-Dec	Walsh	Littlejohn	Communion	Bontrager	Dec/Jan Bell/Gildea
12-Dec	Gill	Holder	Glenn	K. Walsh	
19-Dec	Heerschap	Sijthoff	Payne	Pennington	
26-Dec	Littlejohn	Evans/Peake	Crabtree	Stout	

Announcements

Due to the rise in COVID numbers, we are resuming wearing masks, and will postpone the Wednesday night gatherings until further notice.

Notices

The telephone number for the church is (423) 727-7554. You may call or text Pastor John Crabtree at (423) 494-4045.