



Order of Worship for December 4, 2022

**Please rise if comfortably able*

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcoming and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Miracles

The Richert/Krakos Family (Stan and Leah, Jackie, Joshua, and Rachel)

Advent Prayer

In Unison

Lord God, we need your help today. Help us to make room for the miraculous in our lives that the light of Christ might shine through us again. Amen.

Blessing of our Children

Children from 4-years-old through 6th grade are invited to come forward to attend our Living Stones learning program.

Children can be picked up in Fellowship Hall after Worship.

Centering

***Welcoming the Light of Christ with Song**

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

Call to Worship

Jesse Hebisen

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Many: **Make God's paths straight.**

One: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

Many: **The crooked will be made straight.**

One: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

Many: **All will see the salvation of God.**

One: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

Many: **The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!**

***Opening Prayer**

In Unison

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us Light, to calm our anxious spirits. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son, our Savior. Slow our pace and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious name.

AMEN.

***Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

You are invited to greet your neighbors with a wave and a smile.

Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology and Blessing our Offerings**

Pastor Paige Foster

Prayers of the People

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:3-5

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 3:1-12

Preparing our Hearts

Message

“Prepare Ye Way”

Pastor Sharon

Prayer

Celebrating at the Lord’s Table

See Pink Sheet

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. You will have a choice between receiving a piece of bread to dip into the cup of grape juice, or a small pre-prepared Communion packet. Come as the ushers guide you, receive your Holy Communion, and pray at the Communion railing or back in your seat.

“One Bread, One Body”

“We Sing Praises to Your Name”

***Sending Song**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

FWS 2173

***Benediction**

Pastor: The light of the Candle of Miracles goes before us, offering hope in a darkened world.

People: **Send us into the world, confident in your presence with us.**

Pastor: God sent us Jesus, Miracle of Wonder and Light of the World. May the daily miracles of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

People: **AMEN.**

Postlude

*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!
This is a place where you are loved just as you are.*