

The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
Second Sunday of Advent *December 4, 2016*



Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am

Greetings and Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" J. Payne

*** Call To Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Leader In days to come the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

People "Come let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Leader For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

People Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! Amen.

***Congregational Hymn** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction

Reflections of Peace

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6-7

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Socie Family

Advent Song

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

No. 196 verse 2

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

Anthem

*“And The Glory of the Lord”
Adult Choir*

G. F. Handel

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

** Congregational Hymn*

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

No. 209

Second Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Sermon

“The God of Peace”

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

M. McDonald

** Doxology*

No. 94

** Prayer of Dedication*

Celebration of Holy Communion

UM Hymnal No. 13

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are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.

(Gluten free wafers are available)

**Hymn of Dedication*

“Heralds of Christ”

No. 567

**Pastoral Benediction*

Postlude

“Wake, Awake”

J. Ferguson



We thank Denise Gibson for writing our Advent Wreath Readings for this season.

A Warm Welcome to All!

*We are so glad you have chosen to share with us in worship this morning! All are invited to
stay after the service for coffee, refreshments, and sharing in the Community Room.*

*If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk at the East entrance to
the church to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our welcoming Ministries Coordinator,*

Joyce Bedell (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org) We look forward to meeting you!

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Gathering "Open Up" D. Gungor

Worship Together "Let Us Adore" M. Brock

Prayer

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Announcements & Greeting Each Other

Community Share & Prayer

Sharing Joys & Concerns

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Scripture *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Message "The God of Peace" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offertory Worship "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" D. Webb

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Blessing



Today's Scripture Passage

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout from his roots.

The Lord's spirit will rest upon him,
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of planning and strength,

a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

He will delight in fearing the Lord.

He won't judge by appearances,
nor decide by hearsay.

He will judge the needy with righteousness,
and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land.

He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth;
by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

Righteousness will be the belt around his hips,
and faithfulness the belt around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat;
the calf and the young lion will feed together,
and a little child will lead them.

The cow and the bear will graze.

Their young will lie down together,
and a lion will eat straw like an ox.

A nursing child will play over the snake's hole;
toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.

They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.

The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord,
just as the water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out,
and his dwelling will be glorious.



Many Thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Technicians: Janet and Mark Mason

Worship Team: Jacqueline & Ben Hallett, Woody Bedell, Dave Bedell,
Gina Furner, Tom Seibert and Tim Tonon

Ushers: (9:30) John Aten, Mike Fennewald, Eric Fouts, Tom Plohr (11:00) Preston Cannady

Music Director & Organist: Mr. James Grace

UMCL News & Notes ~ December 4, 2016

GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY Many Thanks to all those who have already brought Or mailed to the church their 2017 Financial Commitments for our Stewardship Campaign, “Gratitude and Generosity.” We appreciate both the commitments to the 2017 Annual Ministry Fund and the ongoing or new commitments to the Building Fund! If you have not yet returned your 2017 Financial Commitments, we would be happy to receive them in the Offering throughout the month of December or you can mail them to the church in the return envelope provided.

Additional forms and envelopes can be found in the Community Room's Stewardship Corner. Your generosity and faithfulness make our ministry and life together possible. Thank You!

A REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE 2016 contributions will be accepted through December 31, 2016. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end of the day and those postmarked on or before that date. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Ross, our Business/Operations Manager, at the Church (847-362-2112) or via email (ruth.ross@umcl.org).

OUR 5TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM in Cook Park. The children and youth of our church will reenact the birth story of Jesus. Complete with our own choir of angels, live animals and, for the first time, a real baby Jesus! Concluding the performance everyone is invited to our church to enjoy some cocoa, coffee and cookies

HELP NEEDED If you are interested in helping with set design, set-up, lighting or sound please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org. Many hands make light work!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS - Families are encouraged to take home “Look Around the Manger” devotional for the Advent season. Please pick up this interactive booklet and manger scene in the Education Wing outside of the B.I.G. Room.

BLUE CHRISTMAS is a service of remembrance for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the holiday season. By offering this service, we acknowledge the struggles that we face, while providing a safe place of peace. Service on Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 in the Sanctuary. We invite you to join us for this service. Please contact Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841), Kevin Garren(847-816-7340) or the Pastors.

A GIFT FOR ADVENT—CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS are still available! Consider what you would 'GIFT' to Jesus this year. Please visit the Spiritual Growth table in front of the office window to pick up your TWO Gift for Advent ornaments and an info sheet that will have your instructions. One of your ornaments will hang on our community room Christmas Tree. Also, there are personal daily devotionals for Advent. These are free to those who would like to have one.

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS Thanks again to all who continue to share in this Christmas Blessing. Please bring your gifts to the service you will be attending on December 11. Church members are welcome to help deliver the gifts to either the Humboldt Park or the San Pablo church on the 17th of December...please let Jeris Boyce know if you would like to go.



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CHRISTMAS TREE SALE Boy Scout Troop 72 will be selling Christmas Trees, wreaths and garlands. The sale is from Friday November 25th through Saturday December 17th. Please come and support the Boy Scouts!

PRIME TIME will meet tomorrow Monday, December 5 at noon. Lunch (\$5) will be served at noon. December is time for our 'White Elephant' exchange. Where else can you give a gift that cost you zero \$, receive an interesting gift in return and socialize with friends!

FAITH CIRCLE Join us on Thursday, December 8th at 9:30 am. We will be having a Christmas gift exchange and providing brunch. Childcare is provided. If you would like more information, please call Andrea West at 847-356-3846

RUTH CIRCLE will hold their annual pot luck dinner at 6:00 on Wednesday evening, December 14th at the home of Sandy Palmer (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville, 1-847-680-3026) Please call Sandy to RSVP and let her know what dish you will be contributing. Join us for this celebration of the season and a wonderful evening of fellowship.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will have their Christmas meeting on December 20th at 11:30 in fellowship hall. This will be a pot luck lunch but if you can't bring something please come anyway. We will have a sharing time. If you have a special holiday memory, or an ornament or anything else you would like to share please bring it. Call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

COME SING WITH THE CHOIR on Christmas Eve the Adult Choir will sing at the 7:00 and 10 PM services and members of the congregation are invited to sing with them. Rehearsal will be Thursday, December 22 at 7:30 PM and Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM for the 7:00 PM service and 9:00 PM for the 10:00 service.

BIBLE STUDY The Wednesday afternoon Women's Bible Study will start meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 PM in Room 103 at the church. We are studying the book of 'Isaiah.' The study lasts 18 weeks. If you would like to join the study, please contact Joyce Jeffries: john.joyce@yahoo.com. Books will be ordered Dec 15 and will be available for pick up in the office the end of December. Cost is approx. \$10. Everyone is welcome to join the study.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER WILL HELP SUPPORT

Helen Roberts-Evans – Born in Liberia, raised in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, and now a member of Sherman United Methodist Church in Evanston, Helen Roberts-Evans serves as Director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia. She trains, teaches, and supports others as they grow in their profession. Her e-mail contact is micradon@hotmail.com.

United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) – This initiative supports education, prevention, care and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in the US and around the world. A portion of all money donated is retained within each Conference for regional use. Go to www.umcmmission.org/projects for more information, or call 212-870-3869.





Order Form
Christmas Poinsettias
for the Sanctuary

It's time to order the poinsettias which will decorate our **Sanctuary** during the Christmas Season!

If you would like to place an order, please fill out this form and return it with your check made payable to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville (UMCL), in the amount of \$17 per plant.

Please respond with your payment by **Monday, Dec. 5, 2016** by returning this form and payment to the basket in the church office or Fellowship Hall.

Poinsettias may be picked up following the 10 pm Christmas Eve Service or on Sunday, December 25.

FLOWER CHOICE:

_____ Red Poinsettia
_____ White Poinsettia

Given by:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Orders are due December 5!

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Choristers
10:00 AM—Confirmation— Offsite
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM— Traditional Service
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time
10:30 AM—Christ in Chaos
10:30 AM—Holidays to Holy Days
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
3:00 PM—Advent Tea
4:00 PM—Racial Justice
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, December 5, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio -Offsite
12:00 PM—Prime Time
5:45 PM—Brownie Troop 43072
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership
7:00 PM—Inquirers/Finding Bethlehem
7:30 PM—Troop 72 Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, December 8, 2016

9:30 AM—Faith Circle
12:00PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
7:00 PM—Praise Band
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, December 9, 2016

6:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 Men-s Bible Study
4:30 PM—PADS

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6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, December 12, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio
1:00 PM—Book Talkers
7:00 PM—Inquirers
1:00 PM—Outreach
7:30 PM—Troop 72- Offsite

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
6:00 PM—Youth Council Meeting
7:15 PM—Trustee Meeting
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, December 15, 2016

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Resource Meeting
7:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
7:00 PM—Praise Band
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, December 16, 2016

7:00 PM—Pack 72

Saturday, December 17, 2016

8:00 Men-s Bible Study
10:00 AM—SPRC
10:30 AM—Charge Conference
4:30 PM—PADS

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