

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

“SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT”

“SONGS FOR A SAVIOR WORSHIP SERIES”

Liturgical Color – purple / blue



DALLAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## TODAY'S CENTERING MEDITATION

*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 ...*

*He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.*

~ Isaiah 11:1-2a ... Micah 5:4a (CEB) ~

\* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Wexford Carol* ————— A Traditional English Carol arr. by Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ADVENT CANDLES – “HOPE & PEACE” ... Patti DelGaudio & Lynnette Ashley

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

**We are called to action rather than reaction.**

Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

**Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**

Come, draw near to God in faith.

**Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. AMEN.**

\* *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

# 211 (verses 1, 4)

\* A CHRISTMAS AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ... *Adapted from the poem First Coming by Madeleine L'Engle*

Christians, what do you believe?

**God did not wait till the world was ready,**

**till nations were at peace.**

**God came when the Heavens were unsteady**

**and prisoners cried out for release.**

**God did not wait for the perfect time.**

**God came when the need was deep and great.**

**God dined with sinners in all their grime,**

**turned water into wine.**

**God did not wait till hearts were pure.  
In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.  
To a world like ours, of anguished shame,  
God came, and God's Light would not go out.**

**God came to a world which did not mesh;  
to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.  
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh,  
the Maker of the stars was born.**

**We cannot wait till the world is sane  
to raise our songs with joyful voice,  
For to share our grief, to touch our pain,  
God came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!**

\* *Glory Be to the Father*

# 70

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SPECIAL SELECTION

Choir

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*(Ecumenical Text)*

**Our Father in Heaven ... hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come ... your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins ... as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial ... and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom ... the power ... and the glory are yours ... now and forever. AMEN.**

3-FOLD AMEN

GOD'S WORD:

Isaiah 11:1-11 ... Micah 5:2-4

*(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... the People respond: "Thanks BE to God"*

A READING

Patti DelGaudio & Lynnette Ashley

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

**"THE PROPHET'S SONG"**

A GREAT THANKSGIVING

(on insert)

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER

**May this eternal truth be always on our hearts,  
that the God who breathed this world into being  
placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing  
is the God who entrusted his life to the care of ordinary people  
became vulnerable that we might know how strong is the power of LOVE  
A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp  
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore. AMEN.**

\* *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

# 179

\* BENEDICTION

\* *There's a Song in the Air*

# 249 (verses 1, 3)

***Thank you for your vital financial support of the mission and ministry  
of Dallas United Methodist Church.***

***Offering plates for your continued support are located at the chancel railing.***

## INFORMATION FOR YOU

**WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER** ... You are invited to join our District Superintendent, Rev. Judy Walker, by ZOOM every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM for 20 minutes. The link to join this time of prayer is ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722373231?pwd=YUIBRm1ya1U0OWZ2dIIvNFJsdXM4UT09>

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION** ... You are invited to join Pastor Dave by ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for 15 to 20 minutes of prayer and devotion. The link to join him is ... ..

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83155286977?pwd=eVZKMTBJODZOUg9HTVpreHplclBUUT09>

**HANDBELL CHOIR PRACTICE** ... next Sunday at 8:45 AM. ALL are welcome to join the HANDBELL CHOIR

**CHOIR PRACTICE** ... next Sunday at 9:30 AM. ALL are welcome to join the CHOIR

**WORSHIP AT THE MEADOWS** ... I (Pastor Dave) will be leading Worship at The Meadows Nursing & Rehab Center next Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to join me. Come interact with the residents, make some new friends, as we offer them a time of Worship.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** ... Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> ... 7:00 PM ... Shavertown UMC ... This service is for all who have experienced a loss or who have a difficult time during this season.

**DALLAS UMC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE** ... Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ... 6:30 PM ... this is the same time as Christmas Eve 2021.

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING** ... Continuing the new tradition Dallas UMC started last Christmas Eve, we will give our Christmas offering away to local mission and ministries. This year, our Church Leadership Council has designated ***SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE*** and ***THE RUTH MATTHEWS BOURGER WOMEN WITH CHILDREN PROGRAM*** as the recipients of this year's Christmas Eve offering ... with the offering being divided equally between these two very important ministries

**ALDERSON UMC CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE** ... Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ... 10:00 PM.

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP** ... 10:00 AM ... Please dress casually – wear your “ugly Christmas sweater” if you have one.

**INTERESTED IN A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND IN 2024?** ... For 50 years, EO has been working with the United Methodist Church to take travelers to see the places in the Holy Land where Jesus and his disciples walked. Lake Winola UMC is looking into this trip of a lifetime for our congregation and many friends. If you would be interested in learning more about joining us or forming a group from your church, please contact Pastor Robin Fillmore at [rfillmore@susumc.org](mailto:rfillmore@susumc.org) or call 570-392-9092. We are in the very early stages of planning at this point, as we gauge interest from others to find out the size of our potential group.