

## WE WELCOME YOU

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We're glad you're here!  
Please be sure to sign our Friendship book, located at the end of the pew.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a prayer concern, or you would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the prayer card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

## CHILDCARE

At the 8:30am worship service, childcare is provided in the Nursery, Room 208, for infants through Pre-schoolers. At the 11am worship we offer nursery care for infants through toddlers. Pre-schoolers through Kindergarteners are invited to Playful Praise in Room 202 following Children's Time at the 11am worship service.

## COFFEE HOUR

Please join us in Janet Brown Fellowship Hall following the 8:30am worship service for coffee and snacks. Today Heather Stanich & Gretchen Ibrahim are hosting coffee hour and they look forward to greeting you! Come and enjoy!

Rev. Dick Wisdom, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation  
Roger Beitzel, Youth Director

Cheryl Henbest, Director of Administrative Ministries  
Kathy Martinez, Communications Coordinator  
Karen Koziol, Bookkeeper  
Beth Best, Director, Chancel Choir  
Megan Marconi, Director, Worship Band  
Kelly Markwell, Director, Bellissimo Handbells  
Karyn Holstead, Director, Jr. Choir  
Kathleen Hermansen, Organist

### Sunday Worship Services:

8:30a Worship  
with Chancel Choir  
9:45a Sunday School  
(all ages)  
9:45a Confirmation Class  
(8th graders)  
11:00a Worship  
with Worship Band



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*First Sunday of Advent*

*December 1, 2019*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019, 8:30AM**

\*Indicates congregation stands / Bold type indicates to read in unison

UMH indicates the United Methodist (hardcover) Hymnal

TFWS indicates “The Faith We Sing” (soft-cover) Hymnal

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**PRELUDE** “*Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*” -Moser

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Reader One: We light this first candle to burn as a sign of peace  
among all people.

*(Light one candle on the wreath.)*

Reader Two: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
that God may teach us the ways of peace.

**Congregation: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**ADVENT CANDLE SONG**

Light the Advent candle, one:  
Now the waiting has begun;  
we have started on our way,  
time to think of Christmas day.

Candle, candle, burning bright,  
shining in the cold winter night;  
candle, candle, burning bright,  
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

\***HYMN** “*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*” UMH #196

\***SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Sherry Steele

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of  
the worshiping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup,  
prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

-Richard Horn

*“A Shoot Shall Come Forth”*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

(on screen)

\***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

**SERMON** “*Ready for the Journey*” Rev. Sherry Steele

**WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING**

Offertory “*El Shaddai*”

Bellissimo Handbells

\*Doxology (on screen)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\***CLOSING HYMN** “*Soon and Very Soon*” UMH #706

\***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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\***POSTLUDE** “*Bethlehem*” -arranged by Johnson