



1st Sunday in Advent

**December 3, 2023
Holy Communion**

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PRELUDE
WELCOME

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Now, in this holy season of Advent, we wait.

All: For the faithful God is coming to us.

Leader: Now, in this season of waiting, we listen.

All: For the faithful Word speaks of good news to us.

Leader: Now, in the waiting and listening, we watch.

All: For the faithful Spirit is moving among us.

INTROIT

A Meditation on What Child Is This

Jubilation Ringers

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Leader: Hope is assertive, even aggressive at times. Hope fueled the prophet to call upon God to tear open the heavens and shake the mountains so that we would all tremble, remembering that there is a God, because the world has forgotten. But we have not. We cling to this hope that interrupts and shakes our lives out of monotony, out of complacency, and out of despair. We light this candle, a spark of flame that ignites a rebellion of hope against empire, against hate, against fear. This is the fire that kindles inside of us and will not die.

Light the first candle

All: God of Hope, our world has grown cold with despair, with hopelessness, with weariness and dread. Alight in us the fire of Your Spirit, a reminder that death never has the final word, so we might pursue justice and live into Your ways and become living hope in a world that desperately needs it. Amen.

HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH # 196

THE BASKET

Building a House for the Lord ~ Hope

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:32-37

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

MESSAGE *Keep Awake!*

ANTHEM *Is Your Heart Prepared for a King* *UMC in Wayne Choir*

PRAYER OF GOD’S PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we are not ready. We call on you to rend the heavens and come down, and yet we aren’t ready for you to rend our hearts and enter in. When it comes to meeting you face-to-face, we hesitate. We fear what you will find in us and among us. We are uncertain that we really want our lives to be turned upside down by the good news. We want the hope that comes with knowing you are coming to us, but we’re not sure we’re ready for the shock of that hope. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our fear that we might joyfully live in the hope that shakes us up and turns us around to follow you.

Silent confession.

Hear the good news: God is the Potter, and we are the clay. We are the work of God’s hand. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs. 1 & 2 **UMH #211**

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. The master is near. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the time -- day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

After our servers come forward to receive the gifts of bread and grape juice you will be invited by our ushers to receive Holy Communion either being served in your seat or coming forward to receive by intinction at the Altar. After receiving we invite you to reflect upon your communion with Christ.

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Setting *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*** CLOSING HYMN**

I Want To Be Ready

UMH #722

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of Fellowship!

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Save the Date!

Our Annual Cookie Sale is Sunday December 17th!

**Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings
at 7am on Facebook.**

Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.
You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS December 3, 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 4 – December 10

Monday December 4th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday December 5th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

Wednesday December 6th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Thursday December 7th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground

Friday December 8st

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Creative Care Healing Arts on ZOOM

Sunday December 10th

2nd Sunday of Advent PEACE Worship @10am

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

Call to Worship: Thom Shuman. Advent Candle Liturgy adapted from Rev. Mindi

Meditation on What Child Is This, arranged for bells by Mark E. Bloedow.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus. Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard CCLI Song #31999

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A Festival of Lessons and Carols
December 17th at 4:30pm
at UMC in Wayne

New Jersey Choral Society (Lyn S performing):
December 9th at 7:30
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 10th at 3:00
Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 12th at 7:30
Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood

**The Ridgewood Singers are presenting their winter concert
Sunday December 3 at 2 PM.
At the First Presbyterian Church on
East Ridgewood Ave in Ridgewood.**

***See Cathy Nalesnik and Anita Dispenziere
for tickets or information about the Ridgewood Singers***