

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

### **UMC in Wayne**

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## WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 85:8-11) Leader: Let us hear what God the LORD will speak, All: For God will speak peace to the people, to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who are in awe of God, All: That God's glory may dwell with us. Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; All: Righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, All: And righteousness will look down from the sky. Leader: God is bringing all things together and making all things new, All: God is at work in our world for peace.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

**Leader:** Hope is assertive, but peace is subversive. The psalmist reminds us that God will speak peace to those who turn to God in their hearts. God assures us that right living and peace will kiss each other. Peace whispers into our ear that there is always another way, another path from rage and hate and fear. Peace calls us to have patience, but to not give up. Peace is not passive, but always lurking, just waiting for us to recognize we can grasp it. We light this candle as a reminder that peace is something we must pursue, for we follow the Prince of Peace.

### Light the second candle

All: God of Peace, our world is full of angry voices calling for vengeance, calling for retribution masked as justice, calling for destruction as a lie for peace. But we know the true peace that comes from You is available for us all, if we seek it. If we follow You. May peace light our way in this world that desperately needs it. Amen.

HYMN

People Look East

UMH #202

**THE BASKET** Building a House for the Lord - Peace

## SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,' "

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**MESSAGE** Righteousness and Peace will kiss

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## PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

## WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

**OFFERTORY** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 3 & 4

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

Almighty God, we enter this season from a chaotic world filled with violence, division, and injustice. We hear your prophet Isaiah promising comfort -- then John the Baptist calling us to construction projects. We are reminded we are called to prepare the way, to be the designers of peace, the builders of justice, the producers of kindness. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for the promised kingdom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN

Angels From the Realm of Glory

UMH #220

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS December 10, 2023

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 11 - 17

### Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### **Tuesday December 12th**

Karate @ 4pm in the underground Bible Study @ 7pm in Pastor's Office

### Wednesday December 13th

Bible Study @ 12pm in the pastor's office BYO Lunch Karate @ 4pm in the underground

## Thursday December 14th

Karate @ 4pm in the underground Creative Care Ministries

### Friday December 15th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

### Sunday December 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent "Joy" Worship @10am
Cookie Sale & Pasta Sauce Sale after worship
Festival of Lessons and Carols @ 4:30pm
Open House at the Parsonage after the Lessons & Carols.

### 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.

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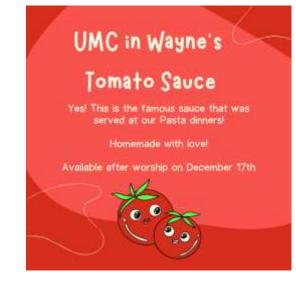
New Jersey Choral Society (Lyn S performing): December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 Westside Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood

# December 17<sup>th</sup> at the UMC in Wayne!









We invite you to come, light a candle, place an ornament on our tree and sit as long as you like. A booklet containing prayers, poems, ritual, meditations, and scripture will be available in the Narthey.

Quiet peaceful music will be playing throughout the evening.

