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# December 4, 2022 Hanging of the Greenery Second Sunday in Advent

# "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes"

Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith, worshiping and serving God.

**PRELUDE** "Majestic Processional" G.F. Handel

#### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** The Burns Family

Reader One: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope,

remembering the hope which comes in Christ. (*light first candle*). Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

**Reader Two:** God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where there is harmony, and we all eat at one table. We light this candle in the name of the Prince of Peace.

(light second candle)

**Reader One:** On this day, we celebrate God's gift of a Messiah, who brings us that peace that surpasses all our understanding. May that peace live in our hearts this Advent season and pour out into the world.

**\*HYMN:** Advent Song (vv.1, 2) TFWS #2090

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Shela Waldron

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established.

People: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD.

Leader: With what shall we come to God's house?

People: Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and pine trees, hang wreaths and garlands.

Leader: Through the acts of hanging the greenery and listening to the words of the prophets,

People: Let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us life.

\*CENTERING PRAYER: (in unison) Shela Waldron Good Lord, by your mercy, guide our outward actions in such ways, that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, in the name of the child of Bethlehem, our Risen and coming Savior, Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN.

#### ANNUAL HANGING OF THE GREENERY

## LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLES

Hymn: UMH #206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

## The Center Aisle Candles

Debbi Picorale, Adrian Phillips, Carol Conway, Kim Goldman

#### The Chancel Candles

The La Jeunesse Family

## HANGING THE GARLANDS

Hymn: UMH #202 People Look East

## The Pillar Greenery

Faye Cunningham, the Burns family, Shela Waldron, the Barry/Bollman Family, the Daniel Family, Waveny Hall, The Edwards Family

## The Chancel Greenery

Latonia Hall, Debbi Picorale, Lou Steele

# The Choir Loft Greenery

Beverly Alexis, The Johnson Family

# The Wreaths

Hymn UMH #UMH 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## The Window Wreaths

Darren Halverson, Adrian Philips, Alf Edwards, Faye Cunningham

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Natalie Palacio

ANTHEM: "Baby Boy"

**Chancel Choir** 

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

Don Besig

SCRIPTURE: Shela Waldron

Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)

The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

# New Testament: Matthew 3:1-3 (NRSV)

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord make his paths straight.'

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

TFWS #2171

**SERMON**: "Looking the Part" Rev. Laura Steele

**OFFERING** 

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** "Voluntary on the tune "Beecher"

\*DOXOLOGY (please rise as you are able)

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** UMH p.13 "Glory in the Highest" Contemporary Ensemble

CLOSING HYMN: Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH #431

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** Variations on "What Star Is This"

\*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.

Nursery Care is available for children ages 0-4 years old every Sunday from 9:30am-12:30pm.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Gun violence in America, The Weaver Family, Rikki, Bob Reed, Christina, Family of Marlene Frere, Dottie Zottie, Warren Pierce, Jamie Noonan, K.S., Norma, The Miles Family, Bertha, Mervin The Boggan Family, Jerry Gaston, the people of Ukraine, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madi, Mrs. Judith Ventura, Christina Teubner Donett, Family of Brook Lewis.

#### This Week's Schedule

#### Sunday, December 4:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentals (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am Chancel Choir (Chapel)
9:30am-10:15am Drama Club (Green Room)

10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)

Hanging of the Greenery

10:45am-11:45am Sunday School (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Educational Building)

11:30am-12:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
12:00pm-12:15pm Singing Believers (Sanctuary)

12:15pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)

5:00pm-5:45pm Confirmation Class

9:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group Stocking Stuffer Gift/Food (Green Rm)

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

#### Monday, December 5:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2) 7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

7:45pm-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship Room)

#### Tuesday, December 6:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
9:15am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall & Playground)
7:00pm-8:00pm Adult Sunday School (Fellowship Room)

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

#### Wednesday December 7:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2) 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall/Playground)

7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall) 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

#### Thursday, December 8:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)

#### Friday, December 9:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2) 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall & Playground)

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

## Saturday, December 10:

11:30am-12:00pm Wesley Choir 12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for **Christmas Eve Services at 5PM and 9PM** on December 24th. Our 5PM service is family friendly with your favorite Christmas Carols, our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant, and a child-friendly candle lighting at the end. Our 9PM service is more traditional with Lessons and Carols and closing with candle lighting to the hymn "Silent Night". All are welcome!

#### **Angel Tree Christmas Mission**

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. By providing Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, Prison Fellowship Angel Tree allows local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel to families with loved ones in prison. This season Summit UMC has committed to sponsoring 40 children. Will you help us sponsor one of these children this Christmas? Grab a tag or visit our website at: <a href="https://www.umcsummit.org">www.umcsummit.org</a> to sponsor a child today!





## NEW! Adult Advent Study November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 20th

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM for a new Advent Study. We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We will explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* How did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith.



## Open Call Children's Christmas Pageant

The Christian Drama Club kids are rehearsing for their Christmas Pageant. Join us on Sundays at 9:30am to be a take part in this performance during our Family Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24 at 5:00pm.

