

Advent

2022



Rockport UMC
200 Years

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:00am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

LEADER: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

PEOPLE: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

LEADER: "Many people shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

PEOPLE: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, and our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

(Light the first candle)

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

UNISON PRAYER (Psalm 122)

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank You for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place. We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness. We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve You and others.

May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves. Through Your only begotten Son, we pray, "Our Father..."(LORD'S PRAYER)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 NIV

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Go Tell it On the Mountain"*

Joel Raney

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kira Holchin

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

(Place your offering and pledge cards in the treasure chest at the back of the church, mail in your giving, or go to the GIVE tab on the website: rockportumc.org)

HYMN *"Arise, Shine Out, Your Light Has Come"*

UMH 725

SERMON *"People Get Ready"*

Rev. Don Kraps

***HYMN** *"People, Look East"*

UMH 202

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor

Rev. Don Kraps

Director of Christian Education/Youth

Kira Cimino Holchin

Music Director/Organist

Susan Shick

Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper

Sara Chapman

Lector
Sound/Video

Marian Banno
Scott Holchin

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Join us in the Parlor following worship for food and fellowship

Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022

5:30-6:55pm – Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm - Finance

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022

6:30-8:00pm – Good News Kids and M& M's

6:30-8:00pm – UMYF Homework Hangout

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022

6-7:30pm – Advent Dinner and Prayer/Scripture Reading

7-9:00pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, Dec. 2, 2022

9:45am – Al-Anon

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service

10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed



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