that we might joyfully live in the hope that shakes us up and turns us around to follow you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

This is the good news: in Jesus Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. We are forgiven, we are made new.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call to Communion "Let Us Be Bread" TFWS #2260

The Great Thanksgiving #15

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

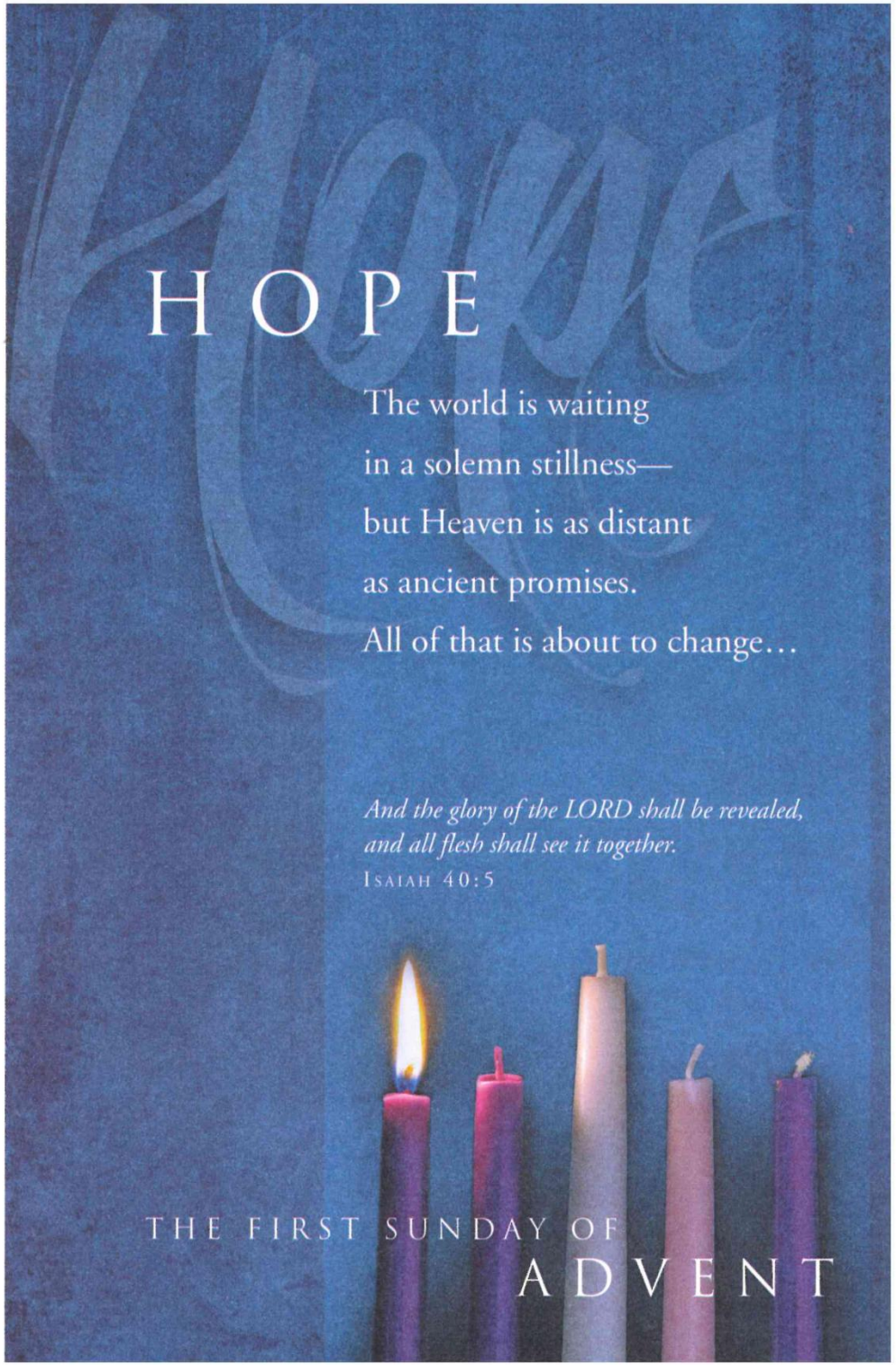
Receiving the Bread & Cup

❖Closing Hymn "People Look East" #202

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204

Postlude



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First Sunday of Advent

❖ We know that everyone is differently abled so please stand or sit as best suits your comfort level.

Greetings & Announcements

Prelude

As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

❖Centering Chorus "I Want to Be Ready" #722 Chorus

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Carla Shaffer & Pam McGranor

Sung Response "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211 v. 1

❖Call to Worship

It's that time of the year again.
A time of preparation as we seek to make room for you.
We rush around in a frenzy trying to get ready.
Helps us to slow down and quiet our hearts and minds to make room for you.
May our preparations be centered on welcoming you once more.
O come, o come, Emmanuel!

❖Opening Hymn vv. 1 – 4
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence! But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead, you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead, you are born among us as an infant. Instead, you show us how love is made perfect in weakness. So, we will stay alert, or least we will try, because we are your people and there is no other God besides you. Amen. ✞

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Gloria Patri #70

Choir Anthem "Soon and Very Soon"

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination Refrain (x2) #601
"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64:1 – 9 #643

❖Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24 – 27 #882

Message Pastor Sara J. Wrona
"Company's Coming: This Place is a Mess!"

❖Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child" #206

Offertory
They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:16b-17

❖Doxology

❖Prayer of Dedication

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

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

✟ Unless otherwise noted, worship resources are from Discipleship Ministries of the UMC.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

TODAY, SUNDAY November 29 First Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM -Sunday School
10:00 AM -Worship Service
Decorate the church after worship
WORSHIP LEADER: *M.J. Cline*
GREETERS: *Pam McGranor*
USHERS: *Pam McGranor & Lynn Sibley*

MONDAY, November 30
6:45 PM -Choir Practice

TUESDAY, December 1
7:00 PM -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

THURSDAY, December 3
2:30 PM -Blood Drive

SUNDAY, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM -Sunday School
10:00 AM -Worship Service
WORSHIP LEADER: *Deb Loftus*
GREETERS: *Alana Gipson*
USHERS: *Pam McGranor & Lynn Sibley*

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Prayer List

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14 – 15

Please be in prayer for Family and Friends:

Trooper Anthony, Alex Anto, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Brendan, Ray Bryan, Cash & Mallory, Randall Campitella, John Coyle, Dan, Pat Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Delayne and family, Emily, Esther, Richard & Marilyn Harmon, Debbie Hill, Joshua Hobbins, Ruth Hyer, Herman Hutchinson, Gil Lanzarotti, Ronald Libengood, Beth Learn, Dianne LeSueur, Denise Linger, Alexis Martin, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Niko and family, Cindy Rimel, Chuck & Linda Sarver, Don Sheaffer, Beverly Shellhammer, Rose Sklar, Paula Smith, Amy Virostek, Chloe Womer, and the families of Sally, Susie, Patty Biss, Donna, and Lois Learn.

Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Phyllis Lamison, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Peppler, Grace Pettner, Dave Sherbondy, Bob & Vange Stewart, Dick & Dee Waugaman, Helen Weaver.

Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

Our Church Leadership

Central District Superintendent Rev. Deb Ackley-Killian

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

UMC Council of Bishops

The Church Universal

Our Nation

All those in areas of conflict

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

West Middlesex UMC

ANGEL TREE

This year for our Angel Tree project we will be supporting 2 sets of siblings who have experienced traumatic loss. One set of siblings is in Erie and the other set in Pittsburgh. To make things as easy as possible, we are collecting cash that will then be used to purchase gift cards to meet the needs of the children. A few small gifts will be purchased as well. Please make sure that you indicate on any donations you make that it is for the Angel Tree ministry. Please make all donations by Sunday, December 13th. If you have any questions, please talk with Pam McGranor.

BLACKLIGHT PUPPET SHOW COOKIES

Cookies are needed for the blacklight puppet show on Friday, December 4th. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

NEW DISTRICT FACEBOOK GROUP

The Central District now has a Facebook Group for all church members and clergy to connect. Please use this group for collaboration, communication, and caring across the district. Moving forward, we invite you to share about your upcoming events and resources to share directly in the Facebook Group. Join the group by answering the membership questions after requesting to join the group here. Please spread the news about our new group by inviting committee members, and church friends from the Central District to join the group.

SPECIAL GENERAL FUND GIVING

Through December, the first Sunday of the month will be a special General Fund offering.



A big thank you to those who helped decorate the church this last Sunday. It looks great!

"Let It Shine"

Blacklight

Christmas

Puppet Show

Friday, December 4th, 7:00 P.M.



Refreshments will be served after the program.
The program is FREE, and is a ministry of the Youth of Bethel United Methodist Church in Lower Burrell.

For more information, call **(724) 845-8761.**

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