

**DODGE CENTER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 3, 2017**

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Centering Praise UMH # 196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*** The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

L: In First Century Christianity, Paul wrote these words to the church in Corinth: God has been given you in Christ Jesus, For in every way, you have been enriched in Christ, In speech and knowledge of every kind - Just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - You are not lacking in any spiritual gift As you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Advent is the season when we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ made new again in the baby of Bethlehem. God sends the peace of Christ to earth.

L: On the first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle named Hope. May this light ever remind us God is our Hope. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

P: Amen

***Opening Hymn UMH # 204**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Unison Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, as we prepare for the coming of the King, help us to remember his lowly birth. Help us to remember He brought nothing into the world and had very little besides sustenance. Christ embraced the humble manger, the crude stable, the bed of straw to be with us, Emmanuel. With the busyness of the season, let us not forget the importance of the reason. Forgive us when we become distracted with the adornments, and help us to focus

on the Adoration of God's son, His greatest gift of all. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.
Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

New Testament Lesson # 1 Luke 1:5-20; 46b -55

*** Hymn of Response UMH # 626**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Children's Time

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Giving our Tithes and Offering

***The Doxology UMH # 95**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*** Prayer of Dedication**

New Testament Lesson # 2 Luke 1:26-38

*** Hymn FWS # 2176**

Make Me a Servant

Message

Pastor Joyce

*** Communion Hymn UMH # 618 vs 1-3**

Let Us Break Bread Together

Communion Pg. 9

***Closing Hymn UMH # 211 vs 1-4**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a time of fellowship following worship.

Weight Watchers meets here every Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

The Advent Study with Pastor Joyce will be, December 4, 11 and 18th at 10:00 am and again at 6:30 pm at church.

There will be a Trust fund meeting December 10th after worship .

The children's Christmas program is December 17th with potluck snacks afterwards.



Welcome to Worship!

December 3, 2017

United Methodist Church

of

Dodge Center

9:00 am