

**DODGE CENTER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
December 9, 2018**

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Centering Praise UMH # 204**

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Call to Worship and Advent Candlelighting

L. Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

P. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves.

L. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and where we eat at one table.

P. We light this candle in Peace. On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

***Hymn UMH # 211 vs. 1, 6 & 7**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, refine us with your mercy and love. Purify us with your compassion and grace. Guide us from our aimless wandering, that we might walk in your ways and live in your truth. Refine us, that we may again be people of mercy and love. Purify us, that we may again be people of compassion and grace. Guide us to bring peace all around us. In your gracious love, we pray.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

1st Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

*** Hymn of Response # 196**

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Children’s Time

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**

*** Hymn # 209**

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

2nd Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:68-79

Message

“The Path to Peace”

Pastor Linda

*** Closing Hymn UMH # 567 “Heralds of Christ”**

*** Benediction**

L. Prepare the way.

P. We’ll shine God’s light wherever we walk.

L. Prepare the way.

P. We’ll bring God’s compassion wherever we go.

L. Prepare the way.

P. We’ll live God’s love with every step we take.

*** Postlude**

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

Our cluster church conference will be held today, December 9th at Hope UMC in Faribault at 2:00 pm.

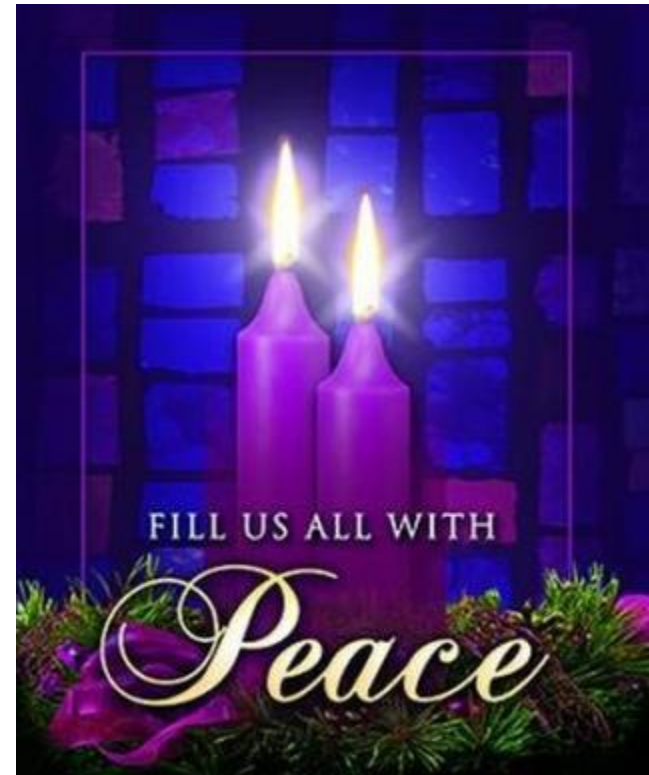
Our 4-week book and DVD Advent study will go through Monday, December 17th. Times will be 10:00 am and 6:30 pm at the church. We will be studying "The Gift of the Nutcracker," based on the story and ballet but infusing the Gift of the Christ Child throughout. Contact Pastor Joyce or Janet Sinning to reserve a book at \$10.

Sunday, December 16th, the children will be sharing the Christmas Story. Everyone in the congregation is invited to bring a Christmas snack or treat to share during fellowship hour.

The Trust Fund Committee will meet after worship December 16th.

Next Sunday is the Newsletter deadline.

A message along with photos from Andy Bell is on the bulletin board.



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