



THIS PLACE IS A MESS!

— COMPANY'S COMING WORSHIP SERIES —

South Hill United Methodist Church

November 29, 2020

11:00 am

1st Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

ENTRANCE

GATHERING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sleepers Awake, A Voice is Calling* J.S. Bach arr. V. Fox

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Kwasi I. Kena, Discipleship Resources, 2007)

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Rip open the sky,

Make planes divert their flight paths,

Tell the mountains to duck,

And rush into this sanctuary.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

Come and silence the violence,

Stop stray bullets that kill the innocent,

Expose dealers who peddle addiction,

Make your enemies know you and tremble in your presence.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

We may fail to notice your presence

In everyday living,

In casual conversations,

Or in blessings disguised as “coincidences.”

Still we cry...

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*OPENING PRAYER

([prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Isaiah 64](http://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Isaiah%2064))

Father God, we thank You that You have promised to be with us no matter what difficult circumstances invade our lives and we lift up our many brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing increasingly hard times. We are watching and waiting for the soon return of our

Lord Jesus Christ and join with the Spirit in praying: “Come Lord Jesus”. In these increasingly difficult times, we ask for Your strength and courage to face whatever lies ahead, knowing that the suffering of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,
And also with you.*

PROCLAMATION

*GOSPEL READING *Mark 13: 24 - 37* pg. 719

HEBREW BIBLE READING *Isaiah 64: 1 - 9* pg. 531

CHILDREN’S TIME

MESSAGE *This Place is a Mess!* Rev. Brian D. Siegle

RESPONSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Lavon Baylor, Pilgrim Press, 1985)

The cares of this life weigh us down, and we seek escape more than insight, avoidance rather than confrontation with God’s truth. God comes to us even when we are hiding from the best we know. God waits to hear our story and to restore us to life as it is meant to be. Let us come to God in prayer.

We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us, that we may escape the judgment we are bringing on ourselves. Send your light that it may shine through us into a needy world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, AND TESTIMONIES

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

*BENEDICTION

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*POSTLUDE

Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

Nobile

*Those who are able, please stand

Notes:

Isaiah 64: 1 - 9

If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!

Mountains would quake before you

2 like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil.

If you would make your name known to your enemies,
the nations would tremble in your presence.

3 When you accomplished wonders beyond all our expectations;
when you came down, mountains quaked before you.

4 From ancient times,
no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any god but you
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him!

5 You look after those who gladly do right;
they will praise you for your ways.

But you were angry when we sinned;
you hid yourself when we did wrong.

6 We have all become like the unclean;
all our righteous deeds are like a menstrual rag.

All of us wither like a leaf;
our sins, like the wind, carry us away.

7 No one calls on your name;
no one bothers to hold on to you,
for you have hidden yourself from us,
and have handed us over to our sin.

8 But now, Lord, you are our father.
We are the clay, and you are our potter.
All of us are the work of your hand.

9 Don't rage so fiercely, Lord;
don't hold our sins against us forever,
but gaze now on your people, all of us:



This Week at South Hill UMC

Today:	8:45 am	In-person Worship in Chapel
	11:00 am	In-person & Online Worship in Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	High School Youth meet at church parking lot
Tuesday:	7:30 pm	Synago
Wednesday:	8:00 pm	AA Group
Friday:	7:00 pm	AA Group
Saturday:	8 - 3	Upper Room Sale
	7:00 pm	A Hometown Christmas Reverse Parade

Next Week's Sermon:

Isaiah 40: 1 - 11

Clean-Up Crew

Coming Events:

December 6 th	SPRC Meeting 12:30 pm via Zoom
December 9 th	Prayer Shawl 10:00 am
December 24 th	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5pm
December 25 th	Christmas Day
December 24 th – 31 st	Christmas Break – office closed
January 1 st	New Year's Day – office closed



High School Youth meet at church parking lot 4 – 5 pm this afternoon and bring \$5 of your own money or money you earned from an adult. MASKS REQUIRED

Notes of Interest

November Special Offering United Methodist Student Day

The United Methodist Student Day offering furnishes scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist – related and other accredited colleges and universities.



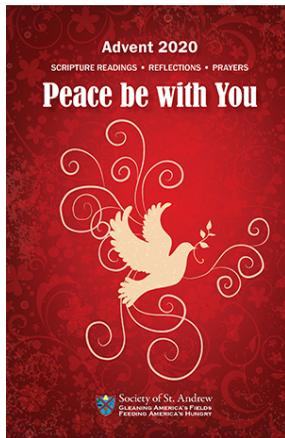
December Special Offering - United Methodist Family Services

UMFS does not receive any funds through church apportionments. Your generous gift goes directly to UMFS to support high-risk children, empowering them to contribute to society as engaged citizens.

Offering Envelopes - Please call the church office if you need a box of offering envelopes for the upcoming year. Bundles of envelopes are always available in the narthex and entrance to the chapel.

Upper Room Ministries is in need of large plastic bags for comforters, quilts, etc. If you have any to donate, please call Rick Carroll at 434-917-1616 or drop them off at the church office during normal business hours.

Society of St. Andrew Advent Devotions - Sometimes when we walk out of the sanctuary after worship, it's easy to get back into our own world and put our blinders back on. This Advent, take time to focus outside of your normal circle, to focus on the birth of Jesus, God coming to us in human flesh, as a tiny baby in Bethlehem. If you haven't done so yet, pick up your copy of the devotional booklet, ***Peace be with You*** this morning. Use the daily readings, reflections, and prayers to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ-child, and commit to set aside a small gift each day during Advent that will be used by Society of St. Andrew to provide healthy food for hungry people in this country. A limited number of devotionals are available in the narthex and on the table outside the chapel. You may also download your copy on our church website at: <https://www.southhillumc.org/advent-devotional-2020/>



***When you are watching our livestream services,
please kindly use the comment section to let us know
how many are watching with you.***

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 – 4:00

Office phone: 434-447-4761

