



WAITING ON THE THRESHOLD

COMPANY'S COMING WORSHIP SERIES

South Hill United Methodist Church

December 20, 2020

11:00 am

4th Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

ENTRANCE

GATHERING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Come All Ye Faithful* arr. Loyd

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ruth Duck)

Now is the time of watching and waiting.

The time of pregnant expectation of new life.

Now is the season of hope unfolding.

The dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.

Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

**May our souls magnify God's name and may our spirits rejoice in
God our Savior!**

Rejoice! God comes to bring the birthday of life and hope. Amen.

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

*OPENING PRAYER (adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel! God with us, You came to us long ago as a helpless babe, as one in need of human love and care. You taught us how to love and care for one another.

Help us to hold on to childlike wonder, amazement, and love, and help us to love one another all year long. Guide our feet into the way of peace, as only the Prince of Peace can lead us, by laying down our lives for one another and serving one another. In the name of Christ, Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

*BENEDICTION

*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*POSTLUDE

The First Noel

arr. Noble

*Those who are able, please stand

Notes:

Luke 1: 26 - 38

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, 27 to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" 29 She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. 31 Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. 33 He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. 36 Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. 37 Nothing is impossible for God."

38 Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.



This Week at South Hill UMC

Today:	8:45 am	In-person Worship in Chapel
	11:00 am	In-person & Online Worship in Sanctuary
Tuesday:	3:30 pm	Missions Meeting at Upper Room Synago (will resume after Christmas)
Wednesday:	8:00 pm	AA Group
Thursday:	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Friday:		Christmas Day
	7:00 pm	AA Group

Next Week's Sermon:

Luke 2: 22 - 40

Enjoying the Company

Coming Events:

December 24 th – 31 st	Christmas Break – office closed
January 1 st	New Year's Day – office closed
January 10 th	Staff Parish Meeting 12:30 pm
January 12 th	Finance Meeting 5:30 pm
January 13 th	Prayer Shawl 10 am
January 17 th	Church Council Meeting 12: 15 pm



Notes of Interest

We will temporarily suspend the 8:45 am worship service effective January 3, 2021.



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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Our Christmas Eve Service will be held on Thursday, December 24th at 5 pm. Please note that 100% of the offering received for this service will be given to the United Methodist Family Services.



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.



Advent Devotions – Society of St. Andrew - The waiting is almost over! Christmas is nearly here! In four days, we will gather here at church again for Christmas Eve. We will light the Christ candle, and we will sing hymns of joy to celebrate the birth of our Savior. I challenge you, between now and Christmas Eve, to reflect on the time and love and care that has gone into gifts that are now beneath your tree and gifts that you will exchange over the coming days. How great a love is that? Remember that our love for one another is only a dim reflection of God's abundant love for us! This week, put a coin in your coin box for Society of St. Andrew for every hug you give or receive. We will receive those gifts on Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2021.

The January – February **Upper Room** devotionals are now available. They are available in the narthex and on the table outside the chapel.

***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 – Wednesday: 9:30 – 3:30
Thursday – Friday: Office Closed
Office phone: 434-447-4761

As we contemplate the great joy of the coming of Christ, may we remember that it is the most personal way God could express his love for us. He delivered his message of love through the loving Christ. Merry Christmas!

This Week's Worship Team

Liturgist: Victoria Kinker
Teller: Amelia Poythress
Music Director/Organist: Jimmie Crowder, Jr.
Worship Technicians: Sophie Crowder & Jake Calhoun
Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis
District Superintendent: Denise P. Bates

Known Prayer Concerns: Members

Chase City: John & Judy Turchetta

Hundley Center: Jo Carol Cole

Pineview: Ann Nichols

Petersburg Home for Ladies: Marjorie Grammer

Harmony: Dan Wilson

Jamestown: Norene Pritchett

Spring Arbor: Helen Boswell

Missionaries: Guthrie Family and Annie Judd

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Alethia Lewis, mother of Bishop Sharma D. Lewis.

Home:

Shirley Carrillo

Brenda Child

Anne Cole

Paul, Nancy & Peggy Conner

Mary Coulter

Maxine Crowder

Herbert Farrar

Ann Gauchat

Lynn Haskins

Billy Judd

Ethel Klingenberg

Evelyn Lambert

George Pearson

Jerry & Sarah Reynolds

Roger Tanner

Herbert & Deborah Tuck

Dylan Willis

Family & Friends:

DS Denise P. Bates & family

Carmela Clary

Christopher Brack

Tony Kim

Dewayne Tyndell

COVID – 19 Pandemic

Pam Sutherland

Hope Zincone

Students/Teachers/Parents

Our Leaders & Our Nation

Transformation at SHUMC

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