

A Service of Worship for Sunday Morning

Second Sunday in Advent: "Peace"

December 4, 2022

Moment of Fellowship, Sharing and Announcements
Acts of Hands and Feet, Thank Bank

Prelude Kayce Shaeffer
"Birthday of A King"

Invocation Pastor Ben Shaeffer

Hymn of Praise* #213 Vs. 1&3
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Opening Prayer

God of hope and encouragement,
we come in the midst of this season
of busyness and preparations:
to find a time and space to slow down,
to reflect on what our true preparations
should be. We need to prepare our hearts
to receive the gifts of love and hope.
We need to prepare our minds
to focus on your promise that a Messiah will come
and nothing will be the same. We need to prepare our spirits:
to praise God for prophecy, promises, and preparation;
to find hope and encouragement; to find peace and joy.
May we do so now, in our time of worship. Amen.

God's Kids Connie Cronk
(Children ages 3-10 are excused for Sunday School)

Special Music *"Mary Did You Know?"* Gwyn McIntosh

Prayers for our community, church and world
Silent Meditation
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Kayce Shaeffer
"Dear Little Baby Jesus, Mary Loved You So"

The Doxology #95

Scripture Luke 1:39-55

Message Pastor Ben
"In AWE of the Christmas Story-Mary"

Hymn of Dedication #240
"Hark The Herald Angels Sing "

Benediction*

Congregational Response* #211 (Refrain only)
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Postlude* Kayce Shaeffer
"Mary Had a Baby"

*Stand if you are able

Today's flowers have been provided by Howard and Vicki Palay in celebration of their anniversary.

Clipboards with children's activity /coloring sheets for use during Worship, are in the Narthex. Please return clipboard at end of service.

Prayer List

Lauren Denty
Dooly Miller
The Mauldin Family
Vicky Palay
Tink & Brandy
Mike Carver
David Cronk
Diane Mills
Gladys Campbell
The People of Ukraine
Our Shut-ins
All disaster victims
Our Nation and our Leaders
Our Armed Forces at home and abroad
Others

December Birthdays

12.1 Beverly Miller
12.4 Gail Powell
12.9 Gwyn McIntosh
12.10 Milas Trull
12.11 Rayln Ballance
12.17 Tray Ballance
12.18 Betty Swarhout
12.29 Kathy Ratcliffe
12.31 Neal Mills

Attendance for Nov. 27: 48

Upcoming Activities:

Wed. Dec 7, 14, 21: 3:30 pm, AWE Advent study
5:30 pm, AWE Dinner
6:00 pm AWE Advent study

Sat., Dec. 10: 12 pm, the United Methodist Women luncheon at Shoney's. All women are invited. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, and friends. RSVP to Gail Powell by Sunday, Dec. 5. Order off menu or do the buffet.

Sat., Dec. 24: 6 pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Mission Opportunities

- **The Little Pantry**
This is a church ministry for the community. This is for anyone who needs a little help now and then and a love offering for those who wish to support it with supplies. A list of items to fill the pantry can be found in the Narthex and on the side of the Pantry. Share with your neighbors.
- **Food Offerings for Haywood Christian Ministry.** Put your donation in the box in the Narthex. All donations will be delivered on the 2nd Friday of each month.
- **First and Third Thursdays of each month** 2:30-5:30pm, the B.E.A.R Closet is open at Francis Cove UMC for anyone who needs assistance. Money donations are needed for purchasing Car seats and Pack-n-Plays.

Words for Thought (Luke 1:43)

He looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on everyone will consider me highly favored.

Sermon Notes:

What can we learn from Mary's response to the Angel's Good News?