

COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude *"Gesu Bambino"* Pietro Yon
 "A Christmas Carol" Arr. Gertrude H. Richolson

Ringing the Bell and Lighting the Candle

Welcome

Opening Prayer (Adapted from The Presbyterian Book of Common Prayer)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, by your Spirit you still bring his light to guide our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and Ruler of our hearts. In the name of your Son, Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (vs. 1-4) UMH #211

Lighting of the Advent Candle Diana and Riley Dehnel

***Gospel Reading** **Luke 1:68-79**
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music *"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"* J.S. Bach

A Time for the Child in All of Us Diane Weider

Message "Saved to Serve" Rev. Joel Deaner-Rogers

Hymn *"Like A Child"* TFWS #2092

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Mission *Today's loose offering supports **United Methodist Student Sunday***

Offering *Our guests should not feel obligated to contribute to our offering.*

Offertory Trio and Duo on *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*
 Arr. Anthony Giamanco

***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #94

***The Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Merciful, God, through the birth of your Son, Jesus, you make all things new. By your grace you transform the poverty of our nature for the riches of life eternal. You supply us with peace in uncertain times and joy in times where hope is lost. Out of wealth of our thanksgiving we offer these gifts from our daily lives. We pray that you will accept these donations and use them for the work of your Son in this, your church. Amen.

***Hymn** *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"* UMH #218

***Benediction**

Postlude Postlude on *"Gloria"* Arr. Jason Payne

Our mission: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Today's Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Joel Deaner-Rogers

Music Director: Chris Deaner-Rogers

Pastor of Hispanic Ministry: Rev. Janet Martínez

Liturgist: Darrell Jewson

Usher Team: Bill Kelley, David Gustavus, and Dave Miller

Media Team: Diane Weider, Tom Retzleff,
Franklin Deaner-Rogers, and Sloan Averbeck



We ask for prayers for health, wisdom, encouragement, and strength to be raised to God for the following, in God's name, we pray, as well as for all our unspoken prayer concerns.

Marshall Christian, Diane Jewson, Jack Johnston, Yolanda Mason, Jeff Olson, Suzy Katz, Vince King (Eleanor King's Son), Tina Gaston, Debbie Ashenfelter.

The Report from Last Week

Attendance: 60

Regular Giving: \$1916.00

Food and Gifts for Families: \$214.50

Other: \$724.00

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