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## An Order of Service for Word, Worship, and Table

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022 - 9:30 AM

#### Entrance

#### Prelude

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

Leslie Orlovsky

#### Welcome

A righteous branch grows out of the root of Jesse—a branch that brings justice and peace. Let us prepare our hearts to receive the blessings of this branch in our lives and in our world.

#### Lighting the Second Advent Candle

“Peace”

George and Leslie Orlovsky

**Reader One:** “They will not hurt or destroy on my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious” (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

**Reader Two:** We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

**Reader One:** “In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” And “bear fruit worthy of repentance” (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God’s promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

#### Call to Worship

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” v. 2*

Choir

#### † Opening Hymn

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

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#### † Opening Prayer

(Unison)

**Mighty One, the Spirit of the Lord rests upon Your chosen one: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. As we behold Your glory in the heavens, breathe Your passion for justice into our hearts, that we may defend the poor, deliver the oppressed, and help the weary. In this season of Advent, may Your righteousness flourish and may Your peace abound, that none shall hurt or destroy on all Your holy mountain. Amen.**

#### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

Minister

#### † Gloria Patri

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#### The Blessing of Advent and the Chrismon Tree

Minister and the Youth

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of Your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Receiving of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Minister

#### Musical Interlude

#### Pastoral Prayer and Silent Meditation

#### Special Music

*“Bethlehem”*

Choir

#### Message

**Romans 15:4-13**

Minister

**May God Fill You with Peace**

† **Sending Forth***“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

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† **Postlude**† *Please stand as you are able***ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NOTICES**

Welcome to Morris Chapel United Methodist Church! We are excited that you joined us in Worship today via Facebook Live and in person. All are welcomed as we come together to praise God and make disciples for Jesus!

**A Big Thank You** to the 18 hard working church members who assisted and completed the church decorations! We enjoy another season of wonderful decorations in celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. To all who helped in any way, may God bless the hands and hearts of you who labored to bring beauty and splendor into the sanctuary!

**2022 Advent Devotional Books** - Please pick up your 2022 Advent Devotional Book at the entrance of the church. Pastor will once again have devotion time, 7:00 am each morning via Facebook Live. Sunday's devotion time is 8:45 am.

**The Christmas Cantata!**, “Mary, Did You Know?”, is scheduled for **December 11<sup>th</sup>!** Come early to get a good seat and then plan to stay for the full breakfast planned by the Fellowship Committee and the Men's Club! It will be a joyous way to continue God's blessing during this special season!

**Toys For Tots** - December 11th, please bring unwrapped toys as we collect them for our annual Christmas Toy Drive. Please drop them off in the Fellowship Hall.

**Christmas Post Office** - Our Christmas Post Office will be open through December 25th! Please bring your Christmas cards and let us deliver them for you. Please drop off Christmas cards in the Fellowship Hall by the Post Office. Please see Pastor Mike if you have any questions.

**Tithes and Offerings:** The church thanks you for your faithfulness in tithing and offering. Please continue to mail your gifts and tithes to the church or bring them when you attend. You may also follow the directions on the website at [www.morrischapelumc.org](http://www.morrischapelumc.org) for on-line giving through Vanco. Be in God's Grace, Peace and Love.

*Announcements may be given by noon on Wednesdays  
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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Richard & Pat Angel  
Carla Bailey  
Joshua Black  
**Family of Pat Branton**  
Della Brooks  
**Family of Louise Buchanan**  
**Sherran Cameron**  
Berle Campbell  
**Family of Paula Corello**  
Alan Cox  
Jeanette Amos-Cox  
Keith Cox  
Caleb Craig  
Colleen Custer  
**Family of Kaiden DeFazio**  
Melissa Edwards  
John Fancher  
Dennis Fore  
Bob Gillis  
Pam Gillis

Bill Godfrey  
Ann Godwin  
Buddy Godwin  
Kristen Halstead Family  
**Family of Dorothy Harris**  
Dennis & Lewis Hartman  
Bobby & Laura Holder  
Holly Holt  
Mary Hudson  
Wayne Hudson  
Chad Huffman  
Rhonda Hughes  
**Family of Nancy Jasany**  
**Family of Kathy Johnson**  
Evan Johnson  
Ronnie Johnson  
Laverne Joiner  
Bobby Jones  
Phil Kelly  
Peggy Kennedy  
Don Key  
Warren Keyser

Beverly Leslie  
**Jeff Ludewig**  
**Bette Lyons**  
Shirley Maddox  
Maude Maloney  
Melissa Martin  
**Allie Martinez family**  
Martha Meeks  
Military troops & families  
Linda McNeill  
Mary McNeill  
Rhonda McNeill  
Tim & Donna McNeill  
**June Mullins**  
Gary Nowell  
Molly Margaret O'Quinn  
Nancy Page  
Greg Patterson  
Susie Pierce  
Phyllis Poe  
Renee Ratcho  
Jason Ray

Peggy Kennedy  
Johnny Ray  
Hank Richards  
Dot Roberts  
Betty Jean Rosser  
Sandra Shope  
Patsy Sloan  
Caden Smith  
**Ron Smith**  
**Family of Ms. Stoblings Mother**  
Jim Stuart  
Joyce Key Thomas  
Calvin Tucker  
United Methodist Church  
United States of America  
Unspoken Prayers  
**Pam Vaughan**  
Lance Weekly  
**Carol Wilcom**  
Flossie Wilkes  
Lilla Williams  
Bill Wilson  
Sammy Womack

After Worship goodies in the Fellowship Hall today are provided by Sandra & Gordon Klumpp. Thank you!