



United Presbyterian Church  
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*A Service of Lessons with Hymns and Carols*

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United Presbyterian Church  
December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

The Candle of Peace – John & Colleen Swanson

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Marielle Hug, mezzo-soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP

John & Colleen Swanson, liturgists

Liturgist: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: **I will say it again: Rejoice!**

Liturgist: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

People: **The Lord is near.**

Liturgist: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

People: **Let us worship God!**



**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (liturgist & congregation)

May love and faithfulness meet as we gather together this day. May righteousness and peace define who we are as a community of faith. Let us share signs of this hope and promise as we greet one another this day. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-8

Jim Haverstock

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord" - Isaiah 40:3

CAROL *O Comfort, Comfort, You My People* #3

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

John Swanson

"I will raise up for David a righteous branch" - Jeremiah 23:5

CAROL *Prepare the Way* #13

**THIRD LESSON** Zechariah 9: 9-10 Michele Heitink

"Lo, your king comes to you..." - Zechariah 9:9

CAROL *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #2

**FOURTH LESSON** Luke 1: 26-35, 38 John Swanson

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" - Luke 1:30

*Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive* – Handel Sadie O'Conor, soprano

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 2: 1-7 Colleen Swanson

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son..." - Luke 2:7

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #44

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2: 8-16 Jim Haverstock

"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior." - Luke 2:11

CAROL *The First Nowell* #56

**SEVENTH LESSON** Matthew 2: 1-11 Michelle Heitink

"...wise men from the East came to Jerusalem," - Matthew 2:1

CAROL *We Three Kings of Orient Are* #66

**EIGHTH LESSON** John 1: 1-14 Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us," - John 1:14

CAROL *Joy to the World* #40

### CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory *Still, Still, Still* UPC Quartet

\*Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

\*Closing Hymn *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* See insert

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

**POSTLUDE** *People Look East* Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

\*Please stand if you are able



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The Presbytery of Ohio Valley is fortunate to have so many such ministers in our midst, as they also offer pulpit supply and sacramental leadership in our congregations, moderate sessions without pastors, and contribute their gifts on presbytery committees and commissions. We are grateful for their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love!

***The UPC Music Program in Concert!***

Wednesday, December 6 p.m. in the sanctuary – Free.



***Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction***

Wednesday, December 13, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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