

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 5th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Communion Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent



PRELUDE *Adagio from Sonata 1* Platti

GREETING & CENTERING

WE OPEN THE DOOR

(Choir sings “Peace Waits for us at Advent”)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

(Congregation sings “Peace Waits for us at Advent”)

Peace waits for us at Advent.

Peace waits for us to rest.

Peace waits for our acceptance of the truth that we are blessed.

In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,

for the birthing of a world of gentleness and play.

Peace is born in us each day.

* OPENING HYMN “People Look East” UMH # 202 (vs 1, 3 & 4)

LIFE & WORK OF FREMONT FIRST CHURCH

(A time for announcements and passing the peace of Christ.)

HYMN “The First Noel” UMH # 245 (vs 1-3)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Baruch 5:1-5 Al M

HYMN “A Place at the Table” W&S 3149 (vs 1,2)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:3-11 (pg. 953) Revelina B

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

ADVENT MESSAGE “A Place at the Table” Pastor Youngmi Jung

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Make of My Heart a Stable”

(Sing when invited)

**Make of my heart a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for PEACE to live and grow.**

We remember and pray for...

.... those who are suffering loneliness and isolation;
may companionship and solace arrive.

.... those who are suffering significant losses in their lives;
may they find new hope and peace.

... those who are experiencing discrimination, injustice and exclusion;
may we notice their sufferings and raise our voices for them.

May the Advent of Compassion be born in us, reside within us,
move outward from us, to meet the needs of the world,
making a house for the Holy that is each and every child of God.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

The Prayer of Jesus.

OFFERTORY *How Beautiful Are the Feet* Handel

Valerie M, soloist

* DOXOLOGY “*Glory to God in the Highest!*” TFWS # 2276

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “*A Place at the Table*” W&S 3149 (vs 5)

* CLOSING CAROL “*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*” UMH # 218 (vs 1, 2 & 4)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God’s Door of Welcome swing open in your heart
 and in your life.

Men: May Christ’s humble first dwelling remind you of
 The plenty you already know.

Women: And may the Spirit lead you into more possibility
 and hospitality than you can imagine,
 making room in The Inn for all.

Pastor: May it be so for you.

Men: May it be so for us.

Women: May it be so for this church.

Together: Amen.

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE *Thou Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ* J.S. Bach

FELLOWSHIP

(* You are invited to stand)

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| WORSHIP LEADER | Valerie M |
| MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST | Brent P |
| SONG LEADER | Brent P |
| ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS | Linda M & Jo M |
| SCRIPTURE READER | Al M & Revelina B |
| USHERS | Jeanne & Bob D |
| ZOOM, AV, PROJECTION, SLIDES | Mark S, Pete Z & Roberta M |

*Today’s flowers are donated by DiAnn P
in Memory of brother Doug C*