

# Welcome!

December 3, 2017

+8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

**Liturgist:** +Mike Walters +++Sandy Vaughn  
**Greeters:** +Jan and Roger Baker +++Jamie and Ashley Brown

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Leader

### PRELUDE

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

(Wake, Awake for Night is Flying)  
Heather Cooper, organ

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Acolyte

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?*

**Many: We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.**

*One: The Lord of Peace comes to us this day to free us from our sins.*

**Many: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.**

*One: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.*

**ALL: Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God, come down!"**

\*HYMN OF INTENTION "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" UMH No. 718

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### HYMN OF LIGHT

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Organ Introduction; Choir; Congregation



*O - so - sö o - so - sö, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm*  
1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.



*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sö.*  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Heather Cooper, organ

Wilbur Held

### \*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts;  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### ANTHEM

**+Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

Schola Cantorum  
Shani Diggs and Heather Cooper, percussion

Richard Proulx

**+++Come, Jesus, Come**

Chancel Choir  
Julie Johnson Sarver, flute

Alfred V. Fedak

### SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK IN OUR LIVES

#### SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.***

### HYMN OF CENTERING

"Amazing Grace"

verses 1, 2, 3

UMH No. 378

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 7:11-22

### SERMON

Perfect  
Rev. Cara Stultz Costello

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

No. 7-11

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion by Intinction

**Large Print & Hearing Assistance Devices available upon request**

COMMUNION MUSIC

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Heather Cooper, organ

Marilyn Biery

\*HYMN OF MISSION

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry"*  
Heather Cooper, organ



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
way for God with - in, and let us all our  
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHRIST'S LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Acolyte

\*POSTLUDE

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*  
Heather Cooper, organ

Aaron David Miller

COME-UNION *All are invited to extend their worship experience by attending Communion extension through an experience called Come-Union! Pastor Cara will meet you at the altar following the postlude*

**Worship Services:** Sundays at 8:30AM, 9:45AM & 11:00AM

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First Sunday of Advent

# Sanctifying Grace

*Today's altar flowers are given by Carol Shuster Swartz  
in memory of her father, Robert M. Shuster.*

