

MOUNT GRETN A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent: Hope

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WELCOME & PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people.

We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world.

The Reader(s) Light one purple candle.

RESPONSE/INVOCATION

THANK YOU, GOD, FOR THE HOPE YOU GIVE US, O GOD. WE ASK THAT AS WE WAIT FOR ALL YOUR PROMISES TO COME TRUE, AND FOR CHRIST TO COME AGAIN, THAT YOU WOULD REMAIN PRESENT WITH US. HELP US TODAY, TO WORSHIP YOU AND HEAR YOUR WORD, AND EVERYDAY TO DO YOUR WILL BY SHARING YOUR HOPE WITH EACH OTHER. WE ASK IT IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR EMMANUEL. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN*

#211

"A Candle is Burning" (vs.1)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE⁺

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School)

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

#95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

HYMN*

#234 UMH

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5
Pg. 1013

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-21
Pg. 1468

SERMON

"The Gift of Hope"

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (using Trespasses)

#895 UMH

CLOSING HYMN*

#213 UMH

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

SONG RESPONSE*

#204 UMH

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

POSTLUDE*

(*)= Please stand if able
(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
(UMH)= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher as the offering is received and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Average Needed	\$5,436.02 Per Week
Average Received	\$3,731.40 Per Week
Last Sunday	\$4,671.71 Last Week

Flowers: The flowers today are in honor of Erin, daughter of Greg Pappariella.

+++++ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** +++++

Nov 27th	Sunday	Advent Bible Study	7pm
Dec 3rd	Saturday	Christmas Tree Lighting	5pm
Dec 7th	Wednesday	Gathering Place	Noon
Dec 21st	Wednesday	Admin Council	7pm

Advent Bible Study:

Advent usually means a time of going inward, examining our lives in preparation for the arrival of the Christ child. Author Ed Robb suggests a different focus. As the Holy Family welcomed those who came to them---both shepherds and magi---perhaps we could consider whom we might allow to enter more fully into our own lives this season.

This 4- week Advent study will begin on Sunday, November 27th @ 7:00 pm.

Thank you: to all that helped to make the Thanksgiving Breakfast a great success.

Office Notes:

November 30th will be my shoulder replacement surgery. I will not be available for two weeks and then for the next four weeks it will be limited. While I am out, Pat Allwein will be posting the offering and Jay Benjamin will managing the other office duties. I am not sure exactly what hours he will be in, so please if you need something send an email to the church. mgumc@verizon.net. Both Jay and Pastor Mike will be checking the email. You may also call and leave a message . 717-964-3241. Thank you, Carolyn

Next Sunday:

Next week is Communion and Food Bank. Please remember to bring in items for the Food Bank.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

“A church for all seasons and all people”



Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members’ ministries.

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by Sandra Dean, 1986.

Music is: "Cradle Song"

by William J. Kirkpatrick

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our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A Candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of joy.
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above,
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

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