



## Heritage United Methodist Church

NOV 27, 2022, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Maria Campbell

Song of Praise

People Look East v 1,2

#202 UMH

The Meaning of the Service

Rev. Maria Campbell

The Advent Wreath

Greg Laaser

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

The Candle of Hope

Jeina Stoumbaugh & John Kumer

*Psalm 122:1; "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"*

*Isaiah 2:3; "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths.'"*

Hymn of Expectation

O Come, O Come Emmanuel v 1,2

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Children's Moment

Hanging of Chrismons on Chrismon Tree

Rev. Maria Campbell

Centering Song

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear v 1

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The Sanctuary Evergreens

Deann Baiza

*Isaiah 60:13; The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest.*

Hymn

Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming v 1,2

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The Memory Tree

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Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus v 1,2

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The Advent Banner

Kayla Eppel

Anthem

Wonderful *(Cain, Johnson, Chapman, Matz)*

## The Christmas Tree

Greg Laaser

*Jeremiah 23:5-6; The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."*

## The Nativity

Rev. Maria Campbell

*Isaiah 7:14; Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.*

## Hymn

Away in a Manger v 1,2

#217 UMH

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Maria Campbell

## 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 the glory forever. Amen.*

## Offertory

## Doxology

Angels We Have Heard on High v 1

#238 UMH

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. *Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

## Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, as we bring our gifts to you this day. In this season of preparation, we ask you to help us live in a new way, to walk a new highway, to set ourselves on the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus. May this be the season when he finds the highways to our hearts prepared for his coming. In the name that is above all, we pray. Amen.

## Closing

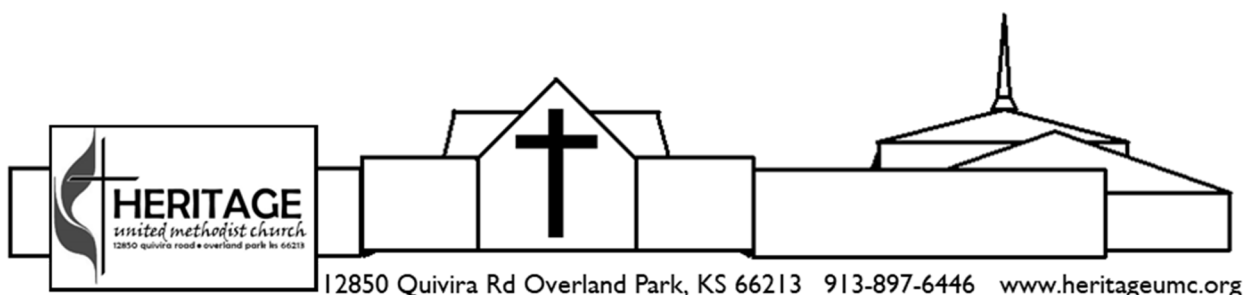
Joy to the World v 1,4

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## Blessing

## Postlude

*Thank you to all of our musicians, singers, readers and volunteers helping in worship today.*



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## Worship Songs Sunday 11.27.22

### People Look East v 1,2 #202 UMH

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

**People, look east and sing today**

**Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

**People, look east and sing today**

**Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel v 1,2 #211 UMH

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### It Came Upon A Midnight Clear v 1 #218 UMH

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."

The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

### Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming v 1,2 #216 UMH

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.

It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

### Lo, How A Rose Ere Blooming (cont.)

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

### Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus v 1,2 #196 UMH

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,

born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

### Away in a Manger v 1,2 #217 UMH

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky look down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;

I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

### Joy to the World v 1,4 #246 UMH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Pre-Worship JAM Songs Sunday 11.27.22

### Come, Ye Thankful People Come #694 UMH

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song  
of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the  
winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be  
supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise  
the song of harvest home.

**All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to  
God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are  
to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then  
the ear, then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain  
and pure may be.**

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take  
the harvest home; from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at  
last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears  
to store in the garner evermore.

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final  
harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free  
from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine  
angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

### For the Beauty of the Earth v 1,4,5 #92 UMH

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the  
skies, for the love which from our birth over and  
around us lies;

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.**

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent,  
child, friends on earth and friends above, for all  
gentle thoughts and mild;

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.**

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands  
above offering up on every shore her pure  
sacrifice of love;

**Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of  
grateful praise.**

### O Little Town (The Glory of Christmas)

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

**And the glory of Christmas Is the glory of Christ**

**And the glory of Christmas Is the story of His love**

O holy child of Bethlehem Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born in us today  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell  
Oh come to us abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel

**And the glory of Christmas Is the glory of Christ**

**And the glory of Christmas Is the story of His love**

How silently how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in

O Christ be welcomed in

**And the glory of Christmas Is the glory of Christ**

**And the glory of Christmas Is the story of His love**

**Oh the glory of Christmas Is the glory of Christ**

**Oh the glory of Christmas Is the story of His love**

The story of His love The story of His love

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ

While fields and floods rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

**Joy, unspeakable joy**

**An overflowing well No tongue can tell**

**Joy, unspeakable joy**

**It rises in my soul Never lets me go**

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love

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And wonders wonders of His love

**Joy, unspeakable joy**

**An overflowing well No tongue can tell**

**Joy, unspeakable joy**

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Go Tell It on the Mountain (Zach Williams)

While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

**I say go tell it on the mountain**

**Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain**

**That Jesus Christ is born**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the Earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
On that blessed Christmas morn

**I say go tell it on the mountain**

**Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain**

**That Jesus Christ is born**

I was a lonely seeker I sought both night and day  
I asked the Lord to help me  
And he showed me the way

He made me a watchman Upon a city wall  
And if I am a Christian I am the least of all

**I say go tell it on the mountain**

**Over the hills and everywhere**

**Go tell it on the mountain**

**That Jesus Christ is born**

Go tell it

Go tell it

Go tell it

**Go on and tell it!**

## Advent Devotion - Anticipation

*Micah 7:7 (NIV) But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.*

Anticipation is a feeling that we experience when we are expecting something to happen. It is an action of looking forward to something. When we anticipate Christ, we are looking forward to being with him, spending time in His Word and sharing with others all that he shares with us.

I remember the feeling of excitement and anticipation standing with my face pressed against our sliding glass door, my eyes fixed on a place in the road, a point in the distance, where the dirt road that led to our house disappeared over the top of the hill. If I watched closely, I could see the cloud of dust just before Grandma and Grandpa's fifth wheel came into view at the top of the hill. I was watching and waiting with anticipation for them to arrive for their yearly summer visit. And by the time they made it down the road and pulled into the driveway, I had already run out of the house to meet them and give them a great big hug! I was so excited and looking forward to all the things that we would do in the coming weeks during their visit.

I get that same feeling of excitement and anticipation during Advent, waiting for Christmas to come. Watching for all the signs that it is almost here, the lights and decorations, the Christmas music, the hustle and bustle, the gifts and the food. But there's something even more exciting about Christmas—The excitement of Christmas is the anticipation of Christ coming to save us. To anticipate Christmas is to anticipate Christ's coming. To anticipate Christmas is to watch for Christ and to fix our eyes on Jesus, a baby, born in a manger, the Savior of the World!

Are you excited Jesus is coming? Are you ready and waiting for Jesus this Christmas? Are you watching for him with your face pressed up against the glass? Are you ready to run out to meet him? Are you looking forward to the HOPE, the PEACE, the JOY and the LOVE that Christ brings?

This Advent season, I hope you experience the excitement and the anticipation of watching and waiting for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Prayer - Lord, I will watch and wait for you with joyous anticipation this Christmas! I am ready to run out to meet you and to spend time with you. Thank you for the HOPE you promise, the PEACE you provide and the JOY and LOVE you give. Help me to share with others what you have given to me. I praise Your holy name! AMEN.

*-written by Dawn Beck*

## Countdown to Christmas with Scripture

Prepare your heart for the true meaning of Christmas with these 25 scriptures. Read, write, journal or pray a scripture each day as you anticipate and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

◇ John 3:16

◇ Zechariah 9:9-10

◇ Isaiah 9:2-7

◇ Psalm 89:1-4

◇ Jeremiah 23:5-6

◇ Isaiah 7:14

◇ Matthew 1:18-25

◇ Luke 2:1-7

◇ Luke 2:8-14

◇ Matthew 2:10-12

◇ Galatians 4:4-5

◇ John 1:14

◇ John 14:6

◇ John 1:10-13

◇ Psalm 103:11-13

◇ 2 Corinthians 9:15

◇ Philippians 2:8-11

◇ Romans 10:9-13

◇ Psalm 107:1

◇ Romans 15:13

◇ Romans 6:23

◇ Luke 1:68-80

◇ Revelation 21:1-7

◇ Isaiah 40:1-5

◇ Micah 5:2-5