

December 9, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:30A.M.

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Prelude

Sermon

Lighting of the Candles

Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Prayer

Introit

All Earth is Waiting

#210

The Lord's Prayer

#895

\*Call to Worship

Invitation to the Offering

The Lord is coming. Prepare the way! Prepare to welcome the messiah! Welcome the redeemer with your very lives. Know the Lord's tender mercy. Let all that you are become an offering pleasing to God. <sup>2</sup>

Look to the east.

**Light is dawning this day.**

Look to the west.

**Prepare for the journey ahead.**

Look to the north.

**God is guiding our steps.**

Look to the south.

**God is shining the warmth of love in our lives.**

Look to the heavens.

**Christ is coming soon.** <sup>1</sup>

\*Doxology

#95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**With thanksgiving, we bring these gifts, that they may be signs of Christ's light and hope. With joy, we bless these gifts, that they bring your compassion and love to the world. With gratitude, we offer our lives, that we may be children of your covenant, fulfilling your promises in word, action, and deed. Amen.** <sup>1</sup>

\*Opening

Like a Child

#2092

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Debi McGarvey

\*Closing Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#220

Opening Prayer

**Blessed One, bless us this day with your compassion and your love. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word. Prepare our lives for the changes you are bringing. Shine upon us with the fiery truth of your Spirit—to purify and refine us, and to guide our steps, as we seek to walk your path of peace. Amen.** <sup>1</sup>

\*Benediction

Prepare the way.

**We'll shine God's light wherever we walk.**

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**We'll bring God's compassion wherever we go.**

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**We'll live God's love with every step we take.**

Passing of the Peace and Joy of Christ

\*Postlude

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

\*Hymn of Preparation

We Are Called

#2172

*\*Indicates congregation standing*

**Bold text** indicates congregation reading together

3-digit numbers denote hymns in "UMH" United Methodist Hymnal

4-digit numbers denote hymns in "TFWS" The Faith We Sing

<sup>1</sup>Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018: Worship Planning Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (Kindle Locations 4308-4320; 4344-4355). Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

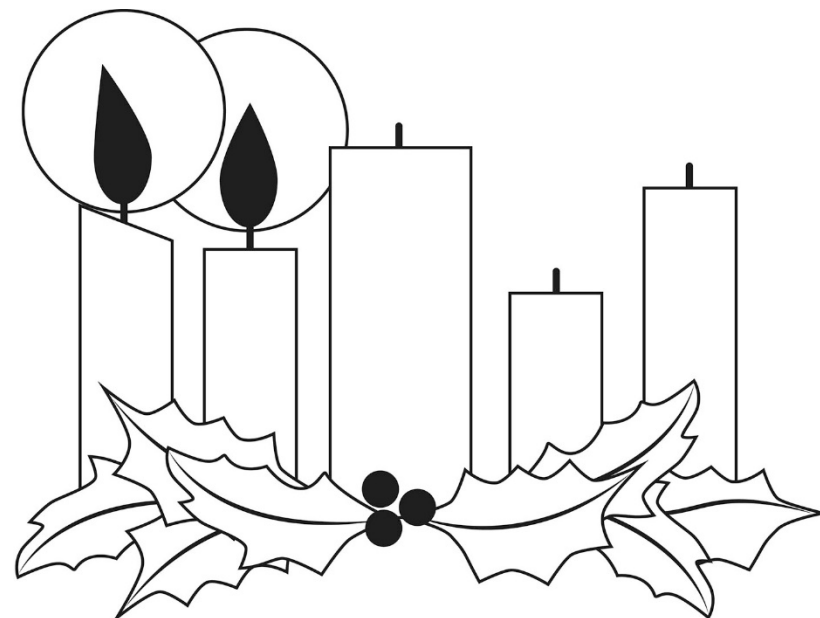
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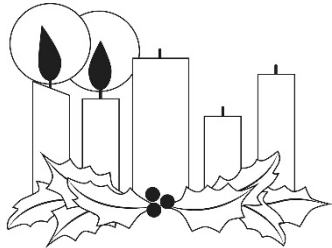
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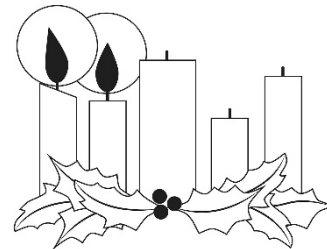
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