

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Welcome & Announcements

### Greeting One Another

### Prelude

Lindsay Frank

Messiah, No. 3 "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"

### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Normile family  
(\* Please stand if you are able)

L: The poet, Wendell Berry, wrote: "When despair for the world grows in me . . . I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water." We think of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, "He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul." When everything feels hopeless, when we feel as dead as the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley, God calls us to breathe in the holy breath of peace. When we light the candle of Peace, we breathe in the One who restores us.

C: **Whatever we face in life, God's spirit of peace will dwell within us.**

### \*Opening Songs

Lindsay Frank

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH #211

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH #213

### \*PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.



### Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Whitmore

### Offertory

Lindsay Frank

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

### \*Doxology



### A Musical about the Best Gift at Christmas...Jesus

Created by Pam Andrews and Luke Gambill

Arranged by John Devries

### Cast

**Mrs. Tune:** Christina Sorenson

**Mr. T:** Sawyer Bobey

**Madison:** Addi Lowderman

**Christmas Tree:** Eli Larcom

**Laura:** Bella Bobey

**Jingle Bell:** Ava Lyman

**Zach:** Jaxon Mourning

**Present:** Dasia Hermreck

**Josie:** Ameila Nichols

**Narrator:** Sawyer Bobey

**Kailey:** Tanis Normile

**Parent 1:** Brett Lyman

**Rachel:** Mackenzie Walter

**Parent 2:** Amanda Lyman

**Terrance:** Blake Lyman

**Parent 3:** Derrick Larcom

**Parent 4:** Linda Normile

### Musical Selections

#### Overture

#### It's a Wonder-Full Life

#### Jesus Is the Reason (with Joy to the World)

Soloists: Christina Sorenson and Blake Lyman

#### I Want Presents - Soloist: Tanis Normile

#### Jesus Means Christmas to Me (with Silent Night) Soloists:

Addi Lowderman, Sawyer Bobey, Jaxon Mourning, Mackenzie Walter, Bella Bobey and Amelia Nichols

We Want Christmas! - Soloists: Eli Larcom, Ava Lyman and Dasia Hermreck

#### Let Your Light Shine Out

#### Ring Out the News of Jesus (with I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day)

He is the Present - Soloist: Dasia Hermreck

### It's a Wonder-Full Life Reprise (with For Unto Us a Child is Born and Hallelujah Chorus)

### Musical Director:

Darrell McCune

### Scenery:

Paul and Donna Rayson,

Linda Normile

### Costumes:

Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who helped with this!

### Smoke Machine:

Thanks to Sawyer Bobey

### Stage Crew:

Regan Perry, Brynn Perry,

Kinsleigh Perry, Emily Rayson

### Sound Engineer:

John Rayson

### Sound assistant:

Jessica Nichols

### Lighting:

Caden Lowderman

### Video Taping:

Walter Miller

### \*Benediction and Response

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH #431

### Head Usher for fourth quarter: Ken Petersen

Ushers: Ken & Sue Petersen, Jim & Pat Pickett

Greeters: Friendship Circle



**Birthdays**

12/13 Claudia Gibson

**This Week at Ottawa First**

**Sunday, December 9th**

8:45am - 9:15am Open Gym for Youth - Gym  
9:30am - 10:15am Children's Program  
2:00pm - 6:00pm Basketball - Gym  
5:30pm - 7:30pm Jr Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Monday, December 10th**

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym  
5:00pm - 5:45pm Chair Yoga - Lg Dining Room  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Hands of Glory Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Men's Bible Study - Youth Room

**Tuesday, December 11th**

9:00am - 10:00am Donuts & Devotions - First Cup  
11:00am - 6:00pm Blood Drive - Lg Dining Room  
4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym  
4:30pm - 6:00pm Ottawa Brass – Sanctuary  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Veterans Mtg. - Oxford Room

**Wednesday, December 12th**

5:30pm - 7:30pm AWANA Gym, Sanctuary, Lg Dining Room  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Grief Share – Parlor  
6:30pm - 8:30pm Musical Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
7:30pm - 8:30pm Scout Troop #77 - North Rm. off Gym  
8:30pm - 9:30pm Men of Note Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Thursday, December 13th**

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym  
4:15pm - 5:15pm Body Gospel Exercise - Oxford Room  
4:30pm - 8:00pm Youth Meeting at Trinity Methodist

**Friday, December 14th**

4:00pm - 9:00pm Basketball - Gym

**Saturday, December 15th**

9:00am - 6:00pm Basketball - Gym

The deadline for articles in the newsletter will be the third Monday of each month.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please see Pastor Kathleen.

The Redemption of Scrooge Bible study began on December 2 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, December 4 at 10:00am. Anyone is welcome to come to either one whenever they are able.

Last week's Attendance: 109  
Last week's Offering: \$3109.00  
Month to Date: \$3109.00  
Amount needed per month: \$20,000.00

**Prayers and Concerns**

Archie & Cecilia McGehee: Hal Holland; Marie Wilburn; Lynda Turner; The Harnden family; The Culbertson family on Bud's passing; Merle Shaffer is now in Hospice care; Charlotte Carner's sister passed away.

Please pray for all our Servicemen & women

To add a name to the Prayer Chain list please contact:

Cheryl Allen: 248-9548 Email: [gochiefs62@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gochiefs62@sbcglobal.net) or

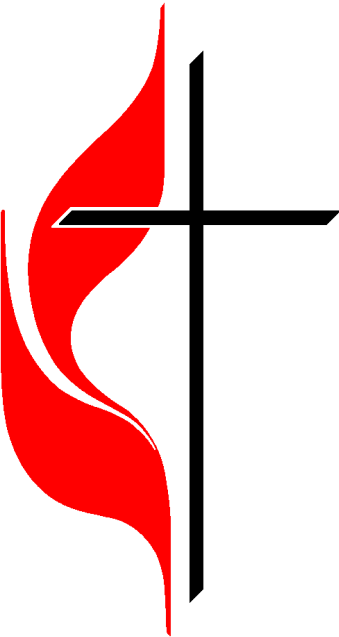
Judy Lanning: 242-7643 Email: [djamlanning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:djamlanning@sbcglobal.net)

*Please contact the office with any changes. Names will be removed after 3 weeks unless the office is notified otherwise.*

CELEBRATION OF  
WORSHIP

DECEMBER 9, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR VISION  
“MEETING PEOPLE, MEETING NEEDS,  
MEETING CHRIST”



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