



## Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, December 10, 2017      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday In Advent  
10:00 AM      ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

John Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us gather for worship all who seek God's Holy salvation!

**Let our hearts proclaim the fulfillment of God's Holy promise.**

For so it was written that a Savior would be born.

**So it was also written the hearts of humankind should know God's peace.**

This day then let all who can hear our voices know the Christ is come.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: FWS #2142 "Blessed Quietness"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**Lord, so often we have tended to take the salvation You came to bring the world for granted and we have forgotten the price You paid that we might have eternal life. Forgive us, Lord, and where there are those who need to hear the Good News, send us; and where there are those who need Your ministry, lead us to their side. In the Holy name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

### WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah: 40: 1-11

*[Red Hymnal]*

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark: 1: 1-8

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Reader: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

**People's Response [PR]: God, help us to walk gently in the way of peace.**

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. [PR]

The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth [PR]

All flesh shall see the salvation of God. [PR]

We light again the first candle and remember that hope is coming. As we light the second Advent candle, the candle of peace, we remember that the Prince of Peace is coming, and we join in the work of preparing the way.

We can walk gently in the way of peace. Amen.

ADVENT SONG: FWS #2090 "Light the Advent Candle"

*[vs.2, Black Hymnal]*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING

Kate Ehrenberger

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*[Red Hymnal]*

SERMON

Pastor Ron Dodson

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" *[Red Hymnal]*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished and the music is finished, then go to the Fellowship Hall to meet and greet one another.*

***Thought for your journey:*** Jesus Christ is always with me, and He is enough.

**Scripture Lessons for December 17, 2017:**

- Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
- Psalm 126
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Announcements:**

- Church Council/Trustee meeting today at 12n in the Great Room
- **Toy Drive** at Faith Community/Eastern United Methodist Church. From now through **December 15<sup>th</sup>**, we are collecting new toys to be given to the children of fallen officers and incarcerated parents [Project Angel Wings]. Contact the church (410) 752-8475 or Rev. Jay Blake at [priceless226@comcast.net](mailto:priceless226@comcast.net) if you have any questions.
- **Christmas Eve Services:**
  - 1030 a.m. – Eastern UMC
  - 5:00 p.m. – Faith Community UMC

***Refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the service.***

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*We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.*