

Hilton United Methodist Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, December 6, 2015, 10:00 am

**We Gather to Worship**

Prelude

Dr. Hye-Bin Song

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

Call to Worship

Caroline Van Vleck, Lay Liturgist

*And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins... Luke 1: 76-77*

In the lonely places  
The wilderness  
Where we stand forlorn  
Windswept and alone  
Your voice calls out

**Response: Prepare a way for the Lord**

In the dark places  
The shadows  
Where we hide our fears  
Embrace our tears  
Your voice calls out

**Response: Prepare a way for the Lord**

*Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven  
to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace. Luke 1:78-79*

L: As the rising sun comes to us each dawn  
P: **Shine upon those who live in darkness**  
L: That all might know the joy of our salvation  
P: **The forgiveness of sins**  
L: And your great mercy  
For the desert places in which we walk  
The streets we roam  
The paths we cross  
Guide our feet

Take us to places  
Where you would go  
Give us words that you would use  
That in this Advent season  
Of promise and preparation  
We might point the way with John the Baptist  
To the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

~ written by John Birch, and posted on **Faith and Worship**.

Introit

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Jacques Berthier

\* Opening Prayer

God in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God’s glory revealed.

~ adapted from weekly Advent reflections by Mark Pierson.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“Advent Song” Verse 2

TFWS #2090

**Experiencing God Through God’s Word**

Message: The Jesse Tree ~Meeting the Messiah in the Old Testament Rev. Green

\* Hymn:

“Send Your Word”

UMH #195

**We Respond to God’s Word**

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer and Personal Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

<i>God, I thank you for.... God, I need help with .....</i>
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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

## Giving to God

Offering our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

\* The Doxology to the tune of "O Christmas Tree"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Celebration of Communion

Choir Anthem: "To Us a Child of Royal Birth" Charles Wesley/Walter Ehret

### We Go Forth to Serve God

\* Hymn: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH #196

## Ministry Opportunities

### The Benediction

Pastor: Can you be a voice crying in the wilderness?  
Can you proclaim that God is active in the world?

People: **Maybe?**

Pastor: The time is near, of the crowning of the year.

People: **We sing with angels,  
setting the roadways and the buildings humming**

Pastor: As people who are being changed,  
we go into a world that is being changed.

People: **Ready to share the Good News  
that the long expected Jesus is coming,  
that we are being freed from whatever binds us.**

Pastor: Glory be to God!  
Who walks with us, sings with us, and struggles with us,

People: **each and every day. Amen** ~ posted by Rev Gord

Benediction Response: "Emmanuel" UMH #204

## Postlude

\* Stand in body or spirit P = Bible page number, LP = Large Print Bible page  
TFWS # = The Faith We Sing Hymnal; UMH # or # = The United Methodist Hymnal

**Welcome to worship.** We pray you feel God's presence in this place. Please sign the attendance pad so we may get to know you and pray for you and your family.

Please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following worship in the Multi-Purpose Room, or the couch area, just off the sanctuary.

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

Persecuted Christians around the world;

The Hand to Plow Process;

Our Mission Outreach Children: Marbelly and Ariel Velasquez Alvarado.

Residents of Care Facilities: John Bean; Bob Hall; Gloria Hamm; Eleanor Harrington; Marie Nundy, Betty Schultz.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Bob Comstock; Ron Davies; Ed Earnhart; Betty Everts; Alea Floyd; Andrew Hardy; Margaret Hendershot; Bill Hess; Michele List; Anna Ponton; Mike Postilli; Meg Shubert; John Sweeney; Nicole & Nicholas Sypel; Natalie Turner; Chris Wanjon; Sgt. Cody Wise.

Service people: Sgt. Michael T. Bigley; Gen. James Blackburn; St. Sgt. Jason Brackley; Sgt. Ryan P. Campbell; LCpl. Nathan Coffey; Sgt. FC David Colucci; Msgr. Matthew Emerson; Capt Scott Fuller; Pvt Annika Moody; Sgt. Nick Mucci; Maj. Jathan Payne; LCpl Scott Ponton; Maj Nathan Thompson; Sr Airman Steven Trembley; Sgt. Cody Wise.

\* If you know of anyone that should be added to this list please let us know.

The Grand Sweep - Our Grand Sweep adventure of reading through the Bible continues.

**This Week's Reading (Week #34) : Ezekiel 23-42 and Psalm 117-119**

### Staff at HUMC

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer Green  
Office Mngr: Patricia Van Vleck  
Music Coord.: Karen Bernhardt Kuntz  
Custodian: Bill Schubert  
Organist: Dr. Hye-Bin Song  
Youth Coord.: Angela Merrill  
Nursery: Amy Quartieri

### Disciples Active In Worship This Week

Head Usher: Ed Holenbeck  
Greeter: Kae Chojnowski & Carol DeNeve  
Guide: Marj Earnhart  
Nursery Ass't: Alex Pardi  
Sound Booth: Patti Sullivan  
Coffeeshour: Wayne Miller  
Worship Coord.: Scott Campbell  
Financial Sec.: Sally Lee  
Ministers: The Whole Congregation

Communion Servers: Ken & Nancy Manning; Wayne & Sharon Miller; Chuck & Lori Cole.

### Poinsettias

Time to think about ordering Poinsettia for our Altar. Flowers are an important part of any worship service, and seem especially meaningful during the Christmas season. Whether you wish to remember a loved one in this way, or simply to make a more beautiful holiday. The order sheets are on the table in the Lobby, or you can call the office at 392-8761 or send an e-mail to the office at humc98@rochester.rr.com. The flowers must be ordered by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## This Week:

Today: Worship at 10:00  
Coffee & Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall  
Adult Sunday School 11:30am – Multipurpose Room

Monday: Prayer Group @ 9:15am  
GS #889 – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: GS #939 - FH  
**Cookie Exchange – 7pm MPR**  
Finance – Office 7p

Wednesday: Choir Rehearsal 7p - Sanctuary

Thursday: Bible Study – 1pm Library  
**Ministry Teams – 7p MPR**

Friday: **SLAM & SLAM Jr 4:00-7:30pm**  
AA – FH 7p

Saturday: PCF Worship – Sanctuary 5:00pm

Sunday: **Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Pancake Breakfast 8:30-9:30am**  
PCF Worship – Sanctuary 8:30am  
**Worship @ 10am**  
Fellowship & Coffeeshour  
Sunday School

### Mark your Calendars:

- \* Christmas Caroling – Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm
- \* Sharing Suppers – Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30pm
- \* Service of the “Longest Night” Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm
- \* Chums Christmas – Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 12:00pm
- \* Christmas Eve Service – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

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## *Service of the "Longest Night"*

*Sunday December 20, 2015*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Refreshments to follow*

For many the seasons of Advent and Christmas are often filled with expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It's a time for family to gather and for churches to worship pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. However, this time of joy and expectation can often overshadow the pain and hurt many experience during this season.

The Service of the Longest Night is scheduled around the winter solstice (the longest night of the calendar year). We will light candles and the Advent Wreath, sing Advent hymns, pray together, and celebrate Holy Communion.

We will take time from the hustle and bustle of other Christmas rituals, parties, and obligations to offer a witness to those who are struggling in our community. It's a witness to them that the Christ child comes as a sign of hope in the face of despair. And it's a witness that this church is intentional about upholding members of the community in whatever season of life they may find themselves in.

Whether you have said goodbye to a loved one this year or ten years ago, experienced divorce, miscarriage, empty nest, this service is appropriate for you! Perhaps you are not currently grieving, but you are willing to worship and pray in solidarity for those who do. This service is for you!

Friendship Circle  
30th Annual Cookie  
Exchange  
Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 7 PM  
HUMC Multi-Purpose Room

Join us for **Christmas Caroling** on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 3:00pm and end at 5:30pm at the Sharing Supper. After singing for them we will join them for a meal. Please sign up so we know how many to expect.



### Sharing Suppers

Have you been naughty or nice? Get your letters written cause Santa will be at the next Sharing Supper which is Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving a Chili and Cornbread dinner and for those not wanting chili a second option will be offered. The carolers will be singing, card signing for the VA in Batavia and of course Santa.

If you would like to volunteer please have your Santa hat ready and sign up in the Narthex. It's only an hour or two of your time. As much as I appreciate those volunteers that just show up it is important that you please sign up. If I don't see a name or know you are coming then I have to try and find help which is time consuming. I understand we are all busy this time of year but you are what help make this ministry a success. If you have any questions please call me 366-4091.

Blessings and Merry Christmas,  
Linda Livermore

### SLAM & SLAM Jr Friday

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> gather to make a Gingerbread House at 4:00pm

Eat dinner

Deliver Gingerbread Houses to some of our shut-ins and friends

**Parents need to drive and participate**

Project "Angel Tree" –Gifts need to be returned by next Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>. See Evelyn Seeger for if you have a problem with that. Help delivering the "Angel Tree" packages is also needed. See Evelyn if you can help out.

Christmas Baskets: We need the help of the church family in providing food and gifts. Please sign up online or in the lobby. See Lara Schuler or Manuela Groth for more information. All items need to be dropped off by Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be packing the baskets Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and we will be delivering the baskets on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:00 am. **HELP NEEDED!**