

Happening @ Hanover

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Today, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: On "Hankey" by Gordon Young

Announcements

Call to Worship: In unison

Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear. Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come. The old will pass away. A new world will dawn. Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day. Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway. Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: Let us worship God.

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle: Love

We light this candle. It seems a simple thing, lighting a candle, a quiet thing that I do alone, to provide something bright in the midst of all my darkness. But it doesn't make that much difference. It doesn't change the power of the night to bring doubt and fear and separation. It doesn't make the world a better place, lighting a candle. Or, does it?

We light these candles because we have seen a light and we believe increasing that light does make a difference in the world around us. We light these candles because we want to be people of the light, who know a God who loved so much, this God chose to be born in a manger in the midst of the darkness. We light these candles as a sign of the light of the world that is coming into our darkness, and we sing with joy. We light the candles of Hope and Love.

People walking in darkness have seen a great light. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, let there be Love.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

First Scripture Lesson: **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass

withers and the flowers fall because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Call to Offering: In unison

"The Lord will give what is good," says the psalmist. Let us share our tithes and offerings, in thanksgiving for what we have already received, and in the sure hope of an abundant world to come.

Offertory: "Quiet Meditation" Robert Powell

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson: **Mark 1: 1-8**

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"- a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD, make straight paths for him.'" And so, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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Sermon: **A Fresh Start**

Holy Communion: (Please have your own juice and bread ready)

Sending Forth: In unison

Live in such a way that you await and hasten the coming day of God, the day of love and faithfulness, the day of righteousness and peace. Go now in the confidence that all things are possible. AMEN.

Postlude: On “Hermas” by Gordon Young

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Organist: David Hottel

Pianist: Yvonne Davis

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GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree still has a few tags available. Please remember to have your gifts wrapped and the tags attached. They need to be back to the Church by December 20th.



HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

Sun	6	8:00 am	Facebook Live <i>(Worship will be online service only until further notice.)</i>
		9:30	Zoom Fellowship and Devotions (see Fellowship tab on website for instructions)
		12 noon	Jacob DeAtley (FB)
		3:00 pm	Yvonne Davis (FB)
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group (Virtual)
Mon	7	Care Team	Office closed
Tue	8		Office closed
Wed	9		Office closed
Fri	11	9:00-11:00 am	Food Pantry
Sun	13	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Fellowship and Devotions
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group (Virtual)
Mon	14	Care Team	Facebook Live
Sun	20	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Fellowship and Devotions
		Noon	Live Music (FB)
		3:00 pm	Live Music (FB)
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group
Mon	21		Office closed
Tue	22		Office closed
Wed	23		Office Closed
Thu	24	4:30-5:00	Drive thru Communion
		6:00	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Fri	25	Christmas Day	
Sun	27	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Fellowship and Devotions
		Noon	Music (FB)
		3:00 pm	Music (FB)
		5:30-7:00 pm	Youth group
Mon	28		Office closed
Tue	29		Office closed
Wed	30		Office closed

During Advent Sundays, December 6th, 13th, and 20th, we are blessed to have Jacob DeAtley playing “Angels We have Heard on High,” and “What Child is This?” Dean Crafton will be playing “Frosty the Snowman”, and Cohen’s Hallelujah”, and at 3:00 pm Yvonne will be playing praise music.