

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent #morepeace

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WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

*INVOCATION:

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of peace this day.
Grant us openness to hear your message.
Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,
creating more peace in the midst of fear.

*OPENING HYMN *"To a Maid Engaged to Joseph"* #215 UMH
Pink Insert Collected

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: PEACE
The Reader(s) Light one of the purple candles.

SONG RESPONSE INSERT
"Light the Advent Candle" vs.2

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE⁺
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 26-56

SERMON Angels Among Us: Nothing is Impossible
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WE RESPOND

HYMN *"Surely, the Presence"* #328 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of peace and possibility,
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into
your good news
for the sake of the world. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* #218 UMH

*THE MISSION TO THE MESSENGERS/BENEDICTION

*SONG RESPONSE #204 UMH
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

*POSTLUDE

(*)= Please stand if able

(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only

UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:

Louise Rynd & Tom Maurer

Flowers

This week’s flowers are presented by Steve & Carolyn Burns for Mia Rose’s 19th birthday.

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Sunday	Dec. 8 th	Chime Choir	6:00 PM
Sunday	Dec. 8 th	Advent Bible Study	6:30 PM Ebenezer Rm
Tuesday	Dec. 10 th	Bible Study - Paul	Ebenezer Rm 10 AM
Wednesday	Dec. 11 th	Gathering Place	Noon
Sunday	Dec. 22nd	Children’s Christmas Program	10:00 AM

Advent Book Study Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 Join Pastor Andrea at 6:30 PM in the Ebenezer Room for a study of Susan Robb’s The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God’s Voice in Advent. Each week will focus on the different angelic visits surrounding the birth of Jesus. The price of the book is \$10. The books are in the office.

Hats, Scarves & Mittens: There is a box in the foyer for collection of these. We will collect them up to Dec. 15. Thank you.

Thank You: Thank you to all who came out and decorated the church for the Christmas Season. Also thank you to all who baked cookies and helped with the tree lighting.

Christmas Eve: We will be having two services on Christmas Eve. One at 7:00 PM and one at 11:00 PM. I am looking for greeters, ushers, and candle lighters. Please let the office know if you will volunteer and for which service.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

"A church for all seasons and all people"



Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members’ ministries.

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