

WELCOME TO LAKESIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

10:50 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome/Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Away in the Manger

Rocherolle

***Call to Worship** (*Read Responsively*)

Lay Reader

Look! Faithful love and truth have met in this place.

**Righteousness and peace
have kissed in our midst.**

Listen! God is speaking words of hope.

Christ is calling us into God's flock.

See! The glory of God shines all around us.

The love of Christ flows through our lives.

Come! Let us worship.

***Opening Hymn**

People Look East

UMH 202

***Opening Prayer** (*In Unison*)

Shepherding God,

as lambs of your flock,

we long to lie down in green pastures.

Lift us into your lap,

and comfort our troubled minds.

Give us rest,

and strengthen our weary bodies.

Guide us through this season of anticipation and hope,

that we might lift our voices

in laughter and song.

Make our paths straight,

that we might move boldly forward

as we prepare for your arrival. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candles

The Kates-Tate Family

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.

Hymn:

Light the Advent Candle (Stanza 2)

TFWS 2090

Special Music

Light a Candle for Peace

Voices of Praise

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 7: 13-14; 9: 6-7

Pastor Mark Rooks

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS COMES ALIVE

See Insert

Offertory

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Rocherolle

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Offertory Prayer** (*In Unison*)

Lay Reader

You have sheltered us in your flock, O God.

**You have gathered us in your arms
and lifted us into your lap.**

May the gifts we offer you this day,

reflect in some small measure,

the immense gratitude we feel

for the generosity of your love. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Dedication**

Joy to the World

UMH 246

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Rocherolle

*** Asterisk indicates to please stand as you are able.**

Welcome to Lakeside United Methodist Church! We are blessed to have you with us in worship today. This congregation is open to all who seek to worship, serve and grow in the Christ. Regardless of the endless ways in which the world seeks to divide human beings, Lakeside UMC is a warm and welcoming community of believers. We believe that church is the place where imperfect people can come together to wrestle with faith, ask hard questions and even express our doubts as we trust in God's grace to sustain us. If this sounds like the kind of church that you might like to be a part of, we encourage you to speak with our Pastor Mark Rooks. He can be reached by phone 804.266.7016 or by the email address below.

We are glad you are here! We invite all worshipers to sign the Friendship Pad that is at the end of each pew and pass it down your row. Notice who shares your row and make them welcome.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nancy & Kip Robinson and in honor of our Lakeside UMC family. May the peace of Christ touch all our hearts. Thank you for your love and support.

The bud vase on the altar is in honor of new baby Zoey Diane Gay, born December 1, 2017 to Amy Johnson & Frank Gay.

Participating in worship today: Lay Reader: Nina Teel; **Greeters:** Judy Oliver, Joanne & Butch Kelchner, Mickey Barlow; **Sound:** Mark Gillis; **Projection:** Mike Bobbitt.

Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are located on the Welcome Center. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the red hymnal and the black book. We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50 AM Service, in the educational wing. Please see an usher for assistance.

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to be God's **HANDS**
in our community
and beyond:
Hospitable,
Always faithful,
Nurturing,
Discipleship,
Service.