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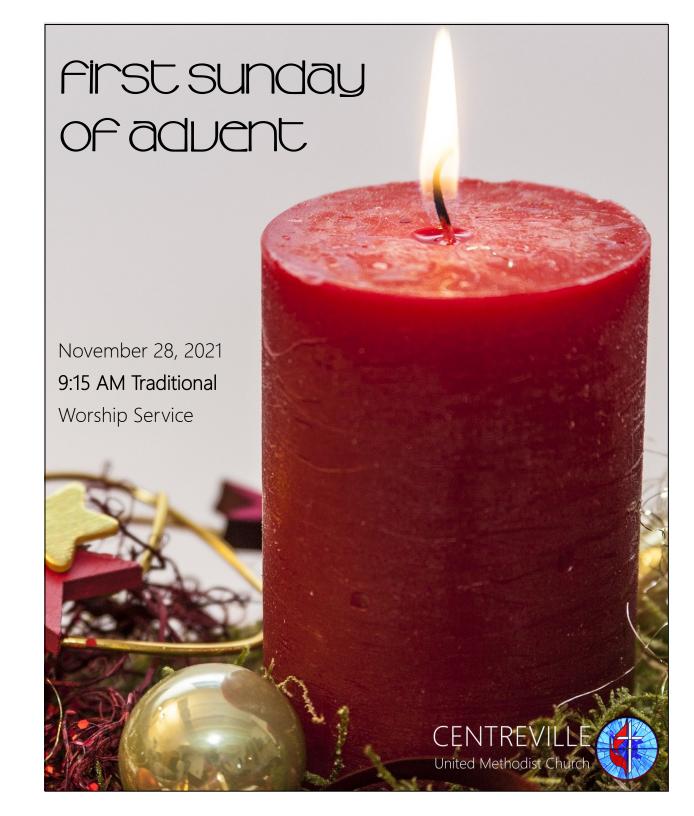
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The Service of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Miller

Kate Dirga, Violin and Becky Jackson, Organ

*Call to Worship

God of our salvation, for You we wait.

Night and day we pray for Your return.

Come and fulfill Your promise to us.

Come and deliver Your people!

*Opening Hymn Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymnal No. 196

Opening Prayer

Ever present God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of Your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

What are these candles for?

This is an Advent wreath.

It shows the circle of God's unbroken love.

There are five candles.

We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas.

What is the point of doing this?

Because the old proverb is true:

"What I hear, I forget.

What I see, I remember.

What I do, I understand."

As we light our Advent candles, may they bring us together In the warm light of God's love.

The Gospel of Luke speaks about the future:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,

and on the earth, distress among nations.

People will faint from fear and foreboding." (Luke 21:25-36)

Because our world is full of fear and distress,

We light our first candle,

trusting that Christ is alive on earth

and that the Spirit of Christ lives among us.

Living Christ, give us faith to trust You.

We trust You, we love You, we praise You. Amen.

Anthem Hodie Veni Christe Nygard

Chancel Choir

Translation: Come this day, O Christ

Children are dismissed to Kids Quest

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64: 1-9 Pew Bible OT Pa. 694

*Hymn Unsettled World TFWS No. 2183

*Gospel Lesson Luke 21: 25-36 Pew Bible NT Pg. 85

Response

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Marti Ringenbach

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

*Hymn Lift Up Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates Hymnal No. 213

*Benediction

*Benediction Response Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace Hymnal No. 668

Postlude Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus arr. Callahan

Becky Jackson, Organ

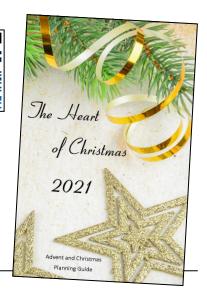
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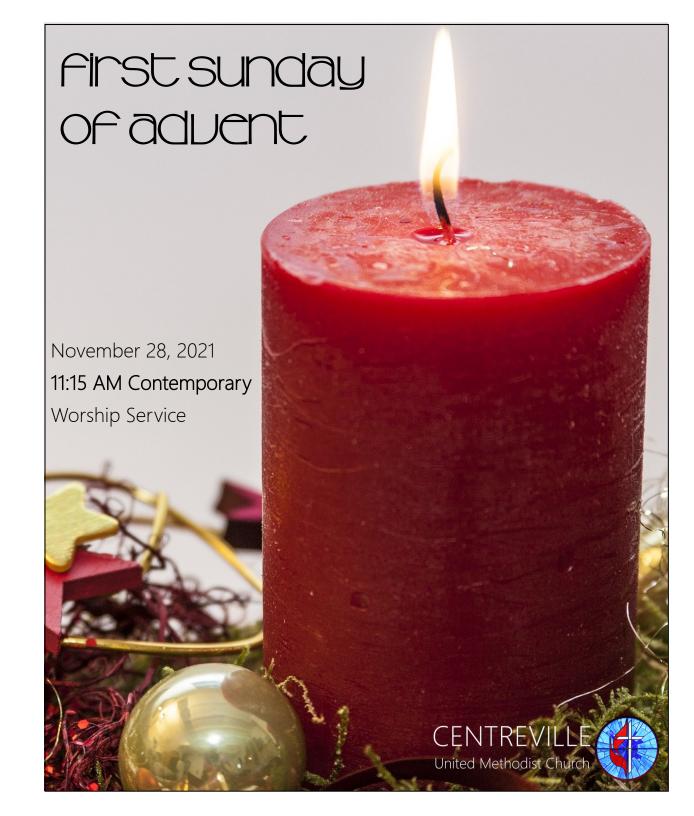
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GATHER

Welcome

Gathering Song Open Up The Heavens

Advent Wreath Lighting

Announcements

Praise Songs Days Of Elijah

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

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<u>GROW</u>

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Message Rev. Marti Ringenbach

RESPOND

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Giving

<u>GO</u>

Closing Song Here I Am To Worship

Sending

