

Windsor Hills United Methodist Church
On-line worship
January 3, 2021
Epiphany Sunday



PRELUDE

“We Three Kings”
Karen Jones Harwood, organ

Janet Linker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Paysour and Heather Case

Welcome to our guests, who may connect with us by texting **hello** to 540/ 779-1180.

We are so glad that you have joined us!

To all others: make sure you let us know you are here in this way:

text us **Jan3 (no space & abbreviated)** at 540/ 779-1180.

You will receive a Connect Card to fill out for all who are with you.

Please do this whether you join us live or later.

If you do not text, you may let us know through the Comments on Facebook or YouTube that you are here.

We are glad you chose to worship with us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

Dreamers, awaken! God is with us!

Tiny and fragile, God is with us!

Promise of angels, God is with us!

Love never ending,

God is with us!

Worship the one who dwells with us!

(The Lectionary Preaching Planner, “Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A,”

Denise Bennett)

MUSIC

“The First Noel”

UM Hymnal 245

(you are invited to sing along at home, too)

¹ *The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

² *They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)*

³ *And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)*

⁴ *This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)*

⁵ *Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
(Refrain)*

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

UM Hymnal 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Heather Case

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Doug Paysour

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Joy Has Dawned"
Karen Jones Harwood, solo

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST PREACHER

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 7: 10-17

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?’

‘Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on your ancestral house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.’

SERMON

“Incarnation”

Adam Hamilton

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH

“Christ, Be Our Light!”
(music below)

Bernadette Farrell

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

The musical score is written for a congregation and consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to - day." The melody is simple and suitable for a group of people to sing.

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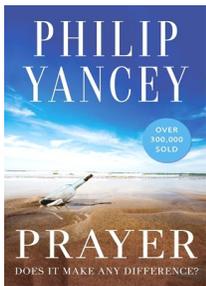


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Our guest preacher today, Adam Hamilton, is known to many of us through our studies of his books and writings through the years. He is pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas and is an excellent teacher of the faith and of the bible. He has made this sermon available for pastors across the connection to provide a break in the midst of this relentless season in the life of the church and our society.



New Book Study will begin January 13 at 7 pm on Zoom. We will be using Philip Yancey's book *Prayer Does it Make Any Difference?*. Copies are available in the church office, \$12. If you would like to join this study, please let Heather know (heathercase@whumc.roacoxmail.com) so you will get the Zoom link.

Our Healthy Church Team will be meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks to discern our best path forward relating to in-person worship.

Christmas Candles: If you received a Christmas candle in your Advent bag, you may return it to the church office. We are collecting them in hopes of using them in the church next Christmas.

2021 Commitment Cards and Call & Response Sheets: This year, we understand that extra time may be needed to make a financial or service commitment for the upcoming year. Thank you to those who have already turned these in. If you have not, please consider how you can support the mission and ministries of Windsor Hills UMC. Commitment cards and Call & Response sheets may be mailed to the church, or brought to the office. Thank you!

**Donate Utensil Packets for
Rescue Mission**

Unused, wrapped only
A collection bin is at the
Education Wing entrance.

Dial a Sermon:

If you know of someone who does not have internet access, but really misses our church, tell them to **call**

540/302-6964 to hear a recent sermon and announcements **of the church!**

