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We can help!
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Sundays at North

Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11:00 service:
Community Room

Childcare During Worship

Provided for infants-4 year olds during both worship services & Sunday School

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

Adult Sunday School

- On Being: Club Room
- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Amazing Grace: Conference Room
- Power & Light: Room 205
- Advent in Narnia: Game Room

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- Kindergarten – 101
- 1st & 2nd Grade – 104
- 3rd Grade – 204
- 4th & 5th Grade – 203

Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008

Music

(Following 11:00am service)

- Joyful Noise: Room 101
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Fall Book

- **December 10:**
 - ELEVATION – 4-6pm, Room 203
 - Youth Progressive Dinner – 4:30-8pm
- **Through December 24 (Sundays):** *Advent in Narnia* Book Study – 9:45am; Led by Becky Wolfe, this unique study of 28 devotions will alternate between Scripture & passages from C.S. Lewis' novel, *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*, to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Contact the Hospitality Desk for more information.
- **Through December 24 (Sundays):** Advent Study – *All Earth is Waiting* – 9:45am; Explore the Advent themes of hope, preparation, joy, & peace with the heavens & earth in mind. Books are available in Room 005.
- **December 13:**
 - Mid-North Shepherd's Center – 10am: Patagonia Travelogue (Randy Strate); 11am: State House: Challenges & Promises of Rural Indiana (Maureen Hayven)
 - UMW – Women of Lydia – Pitch-in at Sue Childers' home; contact Sue at donsuechilders@yahoo.com for info.
- **December 14:** UMW – Miriam Circle – Our annual visit to the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon.
- **December 16:** Parents' Day Out – 10am-3pm; A day full of Christmas activities, games, crafts & more. Cost is \$10/child or \$30/family. See Amy for scholarship information. Register at the Hospitality Desk.
- **December 17:** Christmas Story Lab – 6pm; Hear poetry and stories from Mariah Ivey, John Drake and local storytellers & artists responding to the question, "What Does Christmas Mean To You?" A sign-up sheet will be available for all to participate and share their stories (time-permitting).
- **December 20:** North Church Board Meeting – 5:30pm, Parlor
- **December 21:** The Longest Night Service – 5pm; A simple service of silence & song, scripture & prayer will acknowledge the gift of letting go and celebrate the gift of holding fast to hope.
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Worship
 - 11am: One combined morning worship service
 - 5pm: Children & Family Service – Special music by children's choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children & youth (no childcare). Diapers & wipes will be collected to donate to Coburn Place.
 - 7:30pm: Celebration of Holy Communion – Pastor Darren preaching (no childcare).
 - 10:30pm: Festival of Lessons & Carols – Pastor Darren preaching (no childcare). Prelude music begins at 10:30pm.
- **December 31:** New Year's Eve Service – 11am; There is one combined worship service that renews our commitment to Christ for the New Year
- **January 7: Three Kings Party** – 5-7pm; Celebrate the Kings coming to see baby Jesus with songs, games, crafts, a Kings Cake, and a crown for everyone. Register to the Hospitality Desk by January 3.



December 10, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *Lift Up Your Heads* arr. J. Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronnie Bell

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

People: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'

Leader: People, the time is near.

Christ the bearer of love and justice is on the way.

*OPENING HYMN #108 *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Mary Klee

Mighty God,

send your Holy Spirit to teach us peace,

that the Good News for this age may be proclaimed

through our words and deeds. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 627

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able.*

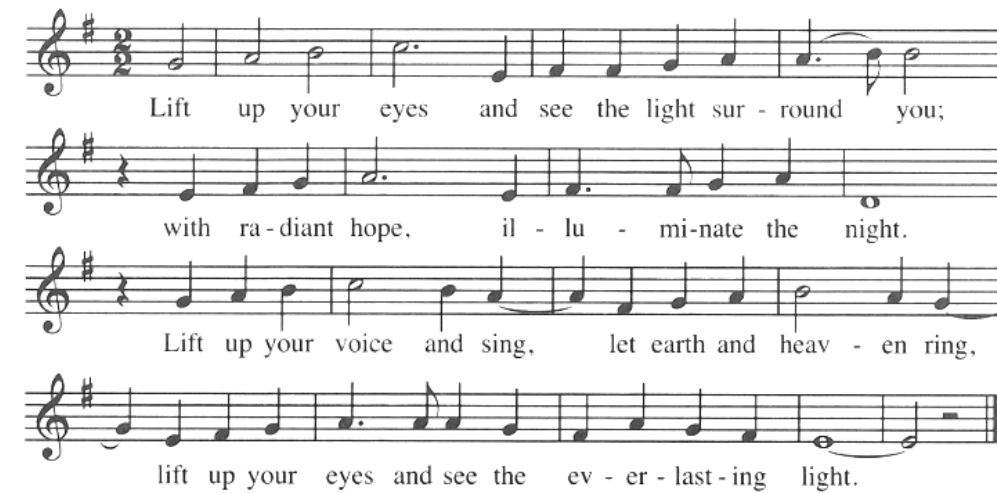
ANTHEM *Comfort Ye...Every Valley* G.F. Handel
from *Messiah* Doug Dilling, tenor

Comfort ye, my people, saith our God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES 8:30 The Harrott Family
11:00 The Lincoln Family

Congregational Refrain



Lift up your eyes and see the light sur - round you;
with ra - diant hope, il - lu - mi - nate the night.
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav - en ring,
lift up your eyes and see the ev - er - last - ing light.

Leader: During Advent, God's light illuminates a weary world.
For any who have grown weary of waiting:

People: God speaks, "Peace, be still."

Leader: For any who are anxious about the worries of tomorrow:

People: God speaks, "Peace, be still."

Leader: For any whose lips have been silenced:

People: God speaks, "Peace, be still."

Congregational Refrain (repeat)


HYMN OF PRAYER #209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* v.1-2

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Ronnie Bell

Leader: God, in your mercy . . .

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal pg. 895

HYMN OF PRAYER #209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* v.3
 11:00 a.m. As the Hymn begins, Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Alternative Worship; please follow the banner leader.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Lo, In the Time Appointed* H. Willan
Voices in Accord

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing and the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom: and upon the throne of David shall he reign forever. Alleluia.

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8 Pew Bible, NT, pg.32
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Practicing Advent: Repentance* Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came* arr. K. Sadowski

The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter Shaw from his wife, Ruth; daughters Deborah, Lydia and Susan; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Accessibility

- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

Children

We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood
Senior Pastor
Mary Klee
Liturgist
Ronnie Bell
Pastor of Mission & Outreach
Mark Gilgallon
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Organist

Spiritual Practice for Advent Two:

"Remember Your Baptism"

Mark 1:8

"I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The focus of the second week of Advent is our *repentance*. Baptism reminds us that we need to repent in order to make room for God in our lives.

Meditation Exercise:

Throughout this week use your everyday encounters with water as simple, brief reminders of your baptism.

For example, rinsing vegetables, washing your hands, seeing a river or lake, and pouring a glass of water are moments to remember.

During these moments, look, listen and feel the water as a way to connect with God. Give

God thanks for one of the following aspects of your baptism:

- Forgiveness for your sins
- Renunciation of evil
- Assurance of your identity as God's child
- Dedication to serve in the name of Jesus
- Unity with other believers