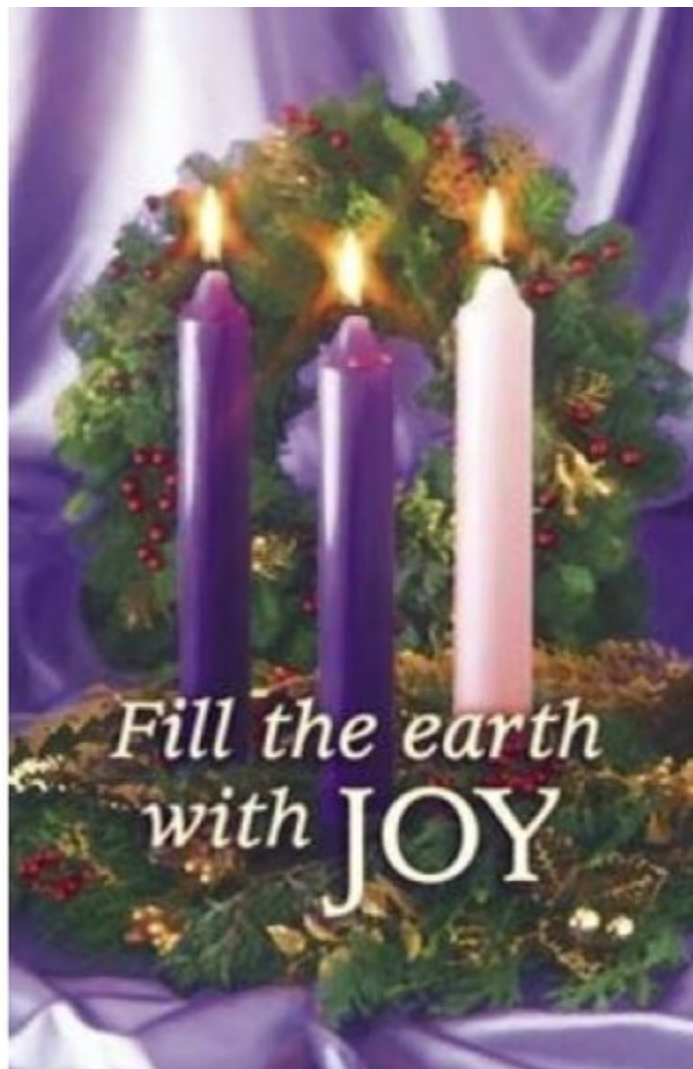


**OCEAN SHORES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
December 11, 2022



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# OCEAN SHORES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

He Is Born

## CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Rejoice always!

**Rejoice in the One who loves justice.**

Give thanks in every circumstance.

**Give thanks to the One who loves justice.**

Make straight the way of the Lord.

**Prepare for the One who loves justice!**

## \*OPENING HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed  
pg. 203

## \*INVOCATION

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God,  
And strengthen our faith in your coming, that,  
Transformed by grace, we may walk in your way;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.

## ADVENT CANDLE READING

## AND SONG

Light the Advent Candles FWS 2090  
Verses 1-3

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of redemption, in this season of beauty,  
joy, and deep hope, we can see the best parts**

**of our community. And yet even these moments are a pale shadow to your fulfilled kingdom. Help us to see in our better moments, whenever they may be, not an elevation of ourselves but a glimpse of the true goodness coming into our midst. Amen.**

*Moments for reflection and self-examination*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

What the babe in Bethlehem promises, and what Christ will fulfill, is also present here and now. In love, God is calling you to a better life, beginning with the forgiveness of your sins.

**Thanks be to God. May it be so. Amen.**

**PSALM** (*Responsive*)

Psalm 146 UMH 858

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

Isaiah 35:1-10

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS:**

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## **MESSAGE**

**HYMN**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear UMH 218

## **GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

The First Noel

**\*RESPONSE**

Doxology

UMH 95

## **PRAYER**

## **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SENDING FORTH**

The Snow Lay on the Ground  
FWS pg. 2093

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

\*Indicates stand if you are able

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