



**First United Methodist Church  
Downtown**

Second Sunday of Advent

**December 4, 2022**

# Service of Morning Worship

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INTROIT

***Arise and Shine***

Larry Shackley

Arise and shine! Arise and shine!  
For your light is come, your light is come,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

WELCOME

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 209

***Blessed Be the God of Israel***

MERLE'S TUNE

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Hannah Carroll, Katie Mikovch, Brady Patterson (8:30)  
Judi and Barry Bingham, Sophie and Oliver Pulito (11:00)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

**People: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,**

Leader: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,

**People: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope and the second candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

**People: O Come, O come, Emmanuel.**

\* OPENING PRAYER

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*universal

\* GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

*Children are invited to come forward for a message and then to Children's  
Worship. Pick up after service in Rooms 208/209 or nursery.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

No. 204

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel***

MCGEE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*We would love to know how we can be in prayer with and for you.  
Prayer requests are received by using prayer cards found at each exit  
or by texting your request to 859-274-9471.*

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.**

RESPONSE

***Jesus, Be Born in Us Anew***

Lois Hopkins

Jesus, be born in us anew this day  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
The Holy Spirit,  
Amen, Amen.

OFFERTORY

***The Wexford Carol***

Mark Hayes

Jessica French, *soloist*

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son.  
With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide, the noble virgin and her guide  
Were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town.  
But mark how all things came to pass: from ev'ry door repelled, alas!  
As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble ox's stall.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;  
To whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.  
"Prepare and go," the angels said, "to Bethlehem, be not afraid;  
For there you'll find this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find,  
And as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.  
Within a manger He was laid and by His side the virgin maid,  
Attending on the Lord of life, who came on earth to end all strife.

*Offering boxes are available in the narthex and at the  
west sanctuary entrance.*

\* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\* MEMORY VERSE

**Isaiah 9:6 NRSV - For a child will be born to us,  
a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His  
shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

ANTHEM

***He Shall Feed His Flock***

John Ness Beck

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd:  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And gently shall lead those that are with young.

He shall gather the lambs in His arm,  
He will shelter them, and carry them close to His heart;  
And gently, so gently, so gently shall lead those with young.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd:  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And gently, so gently shall lead those with young.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1–10, NRSV

SERMON

***Peace From Unexpected Places***  
Notes at <http://bible.com/events/48993921>

\* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

No. 211

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***  
(Stanzas 1-4 only)

VENI EMMANUEL

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE

Jeremiah Rankin & William Tomer

***God Be with You***

God be with you till we meet again!  
By His counsels guide uphold you.  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again!

POSTLUDE

Kenneth D. Varner

***Angels from the Realms of Glory***

\* Please stand as you are able.

The Altar flowers this morning are given by Dr. Al Pelphrey in loving memory of his mother, Minervia Ann (Davis) Pelphrey.

Nursery is available at both services in Room 103.

#### LEADERS OF WORSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgists: Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor  
Mary Ellen Harden, Children's Message  
Elayna DeLucia (11:00)

Musicians: Choral Scholars (8:30)  
Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Glenna Metcalfe, Associate Director of Music/Organist  
Brock Terry, Director of Music

Preacher: Todd Nelson, Senior Pastor

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Welcome to Downtown, one of 3 worshipping communities of First United Methodist Church Lexington. Whether this is your first Sunday here or your hundredth, it is no accident that we are here together today. If you are visiting Lexington, we are so glad to be part of your time in the bluegrass. If you are new to the area and looking for a church home, please let a greeter or member of staff know if you have questions. Our pastors would love the chance to have a conversation and get to know you better.



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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

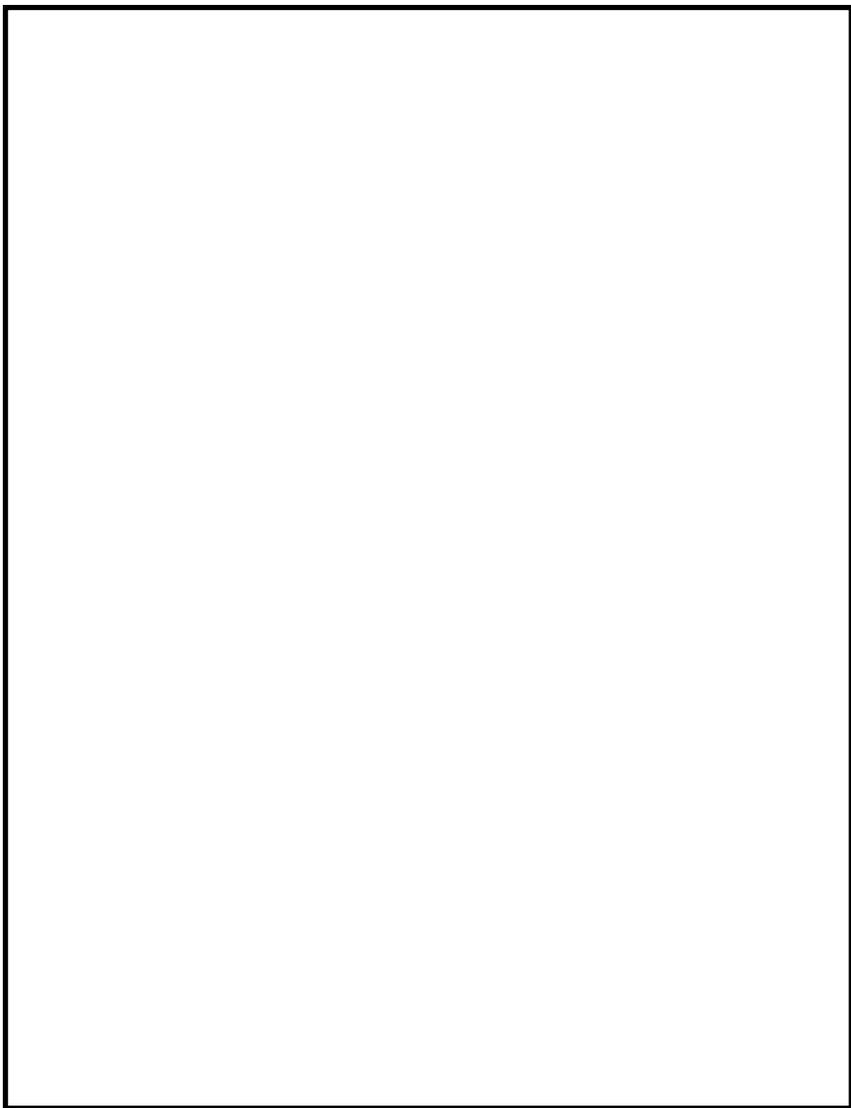
Activities based on Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, and Matthew 3:1-12.





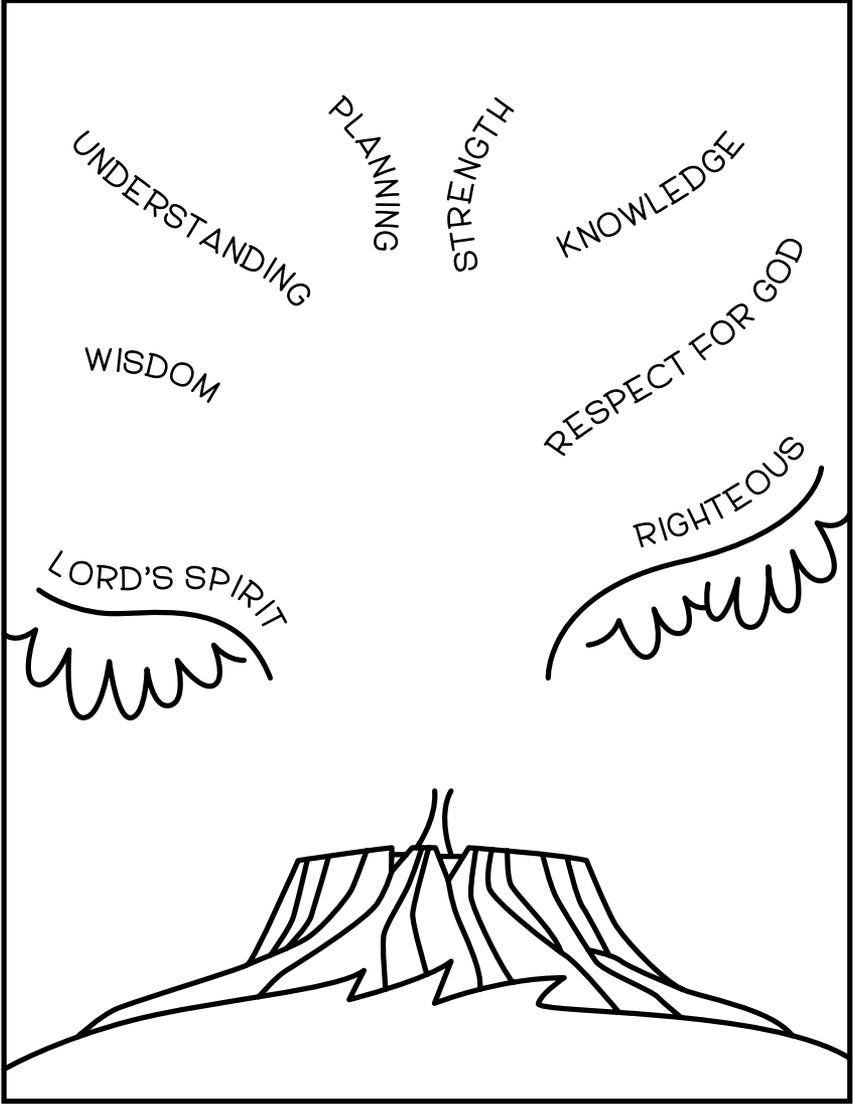
# DRAW IT

John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus' coming and tells people to change their hearts and lives. Draw a picture of what you would do and say to prepare yourself and others for Jesus to come.

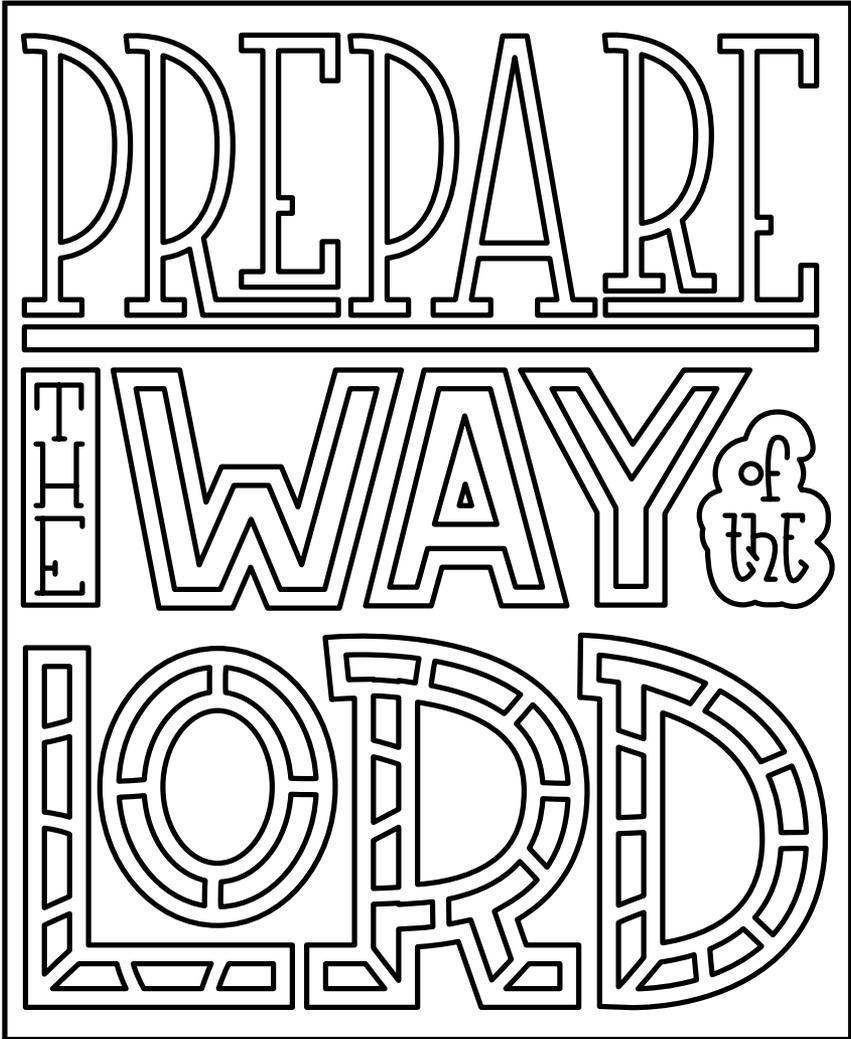


# FINISH the DRAWING

Isaiah compares the Savior to a beautiful tree that grows from a stump. Finish drawing the tree and notice the qualities this Savior will have.



# COLOR IN THE WORDS



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