

November 28, 2010

10:00 a.m.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Lead Me, Lord” UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

INTROIT

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 24:36-44*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: As quietly as the winter steals upon us,

P: the season of joy approaches.

L: We wait for our Redeemer,

P: for God’s promise to be fulfilled.

L: The day is coming quickly.

P: The God of mercy draws near.

SERMON “**Something Unexpected**” Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH No. 211

TWO VOICES OF HOPE

Shannon Dean and Sara DeVries

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God’s love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

We light this candle as we wait with hope-filled hearts, attentive to all the signs of his coming. *(Lighting of the first Advent Candle)*

Come, thou long expected Jesus. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye
heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH No. 196

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we hear the promise of the coming of Jesus into our hearts and our homes. Bless this time of waiting. Fill us with anticipation of your love. Make us watchful as we await the birth of our Savior and prepare us to live as your forgiven people. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to darkened lives. Remind us when we forget and renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen. MOMENT OF SILENCE

*HYMN “People, Look East” UMH No. 202

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

*CIRCLE OF LOVE o *Blest Be the Tie That Binds, No. 557 v. 1*

*LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.