

Suncreek United Methodist Church



December 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Melanie McManigal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

***SCRIPTURE** **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Rev. Milton Gutierrez

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

SERMON “The Promise of Hope”

Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kimmi Cramer (9am), Connie Holliday (11am)

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: **By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work for God.**

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

People: **Glory to God in the highest!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
(please sing stanzas 1-2)

HYFRYDOL

GARLAND

SCRIPTURE **Hosea 14:4, 8-9**

Rev. Patrick Littlefield

I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after you. I am like an evergreen cypress; your faithfulness comes from me. Those who are wise understand these things; those who are discerning know them. For the ways of the LORD are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.

HYMN 203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
(please sing stanzas 1 and 3)

ELLACOMBE

WREATH

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

Rev. Milton Gutierrez

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SCRIPTURE **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Blanchone Family (9am), Burnham Family (11am)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Leader: As we light this candle let us pray together saying:

People: **We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

RESPONSE 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(please sing stanza 1)

VENI EMMANUEL

CHRISMONS

SCRIPTURE **John 1:1-5, 9-14**

Rev. Patrick Littlefield

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own,* and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
(please sing stanza 1)

HOUSTON

HOLLY AND IVY

SCRIPTURE **Isaiah 53:1-6**

Rev. Milton Guttierrez

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN 216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
(please sing stanzas 1)

ES IST EIN ROS

POINSETTIAS

HISTORY In the very early part of the 19th century, an American who served the United States as an Ambassador spent a tour of duty in Mexico. He admired the dramatic beauty of the bright red poinsettia that grew rooftop high and bloomed profusely at Christmas. He was awed when Mexican Christians told him why the bright red poinsettias were a part of their celebration of the birth and life of Christ. In Mexico, the story goes like this: The Bethlehem star shone over the manger where Jesus was born. Its light so bright the earth responded, reflecting that star light, receiving that star light, mirroring that star light with a beautiful flower. Star shaped, radiant shaped, pure white petals, golden star centers. In Mexican lore, it was always the Flower of the Holy Night. It grew on earth as a creation to glorify and commemorate that Holy Night "For the stars short forth the glory of God."

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Patrick Littlefield

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.

OFFERTORY

(9:00)

Will You Be Ready

Cantate

(11:00)

Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming

Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY 238**

Angels We Have Heard on High
(Refrain)

GLORIA

INVITATION TO
CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

*** HYMN OF**

INVITATION 213

Lift Up your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(please sign stanza 1)

TRURO

*** BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Barry Hughes

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE 213**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(please sing stanza 2)

TRURO

*** POSTLUDE**

"Postlude "

Melanie McManigal

*Congregation stand as you are able.

READERS:

9am: Emmert Family, Sylvestri Family, Coogan Family, DeOrian Family, Garduno Family

11am: Dai Family, Grenier Family, Gail Wade, Littlefield Family, Connie Holliday, Tolbert Family

SUNCREEK NEWS & EVENTS

Find all the details on our website, SuncreekUMC.org



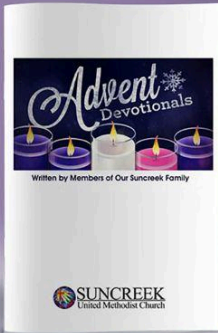
TODAY
Sunday, Dec. 1st
 10AM in the Round Room

Countdown Christmas
Advent Workshop

Celebrate the Beginning of the Advent Season!

Make & Take
 Treats and Activities
 for the Whole Family

RSVP
 so we have
 enough supplies.



Daily Devotionals
 written by members
 of our Suncreek family.

Available in the Narthex
 or at SuncreekUMC.org/devos



Christmas
Family Connection

Provide gifts for a child
 or an entire family.

Sign Up Online
 by December 6th

www.SuncreekUMC.org/family



O Christmas Tree
 A Christmas Pageant Musical

presented by our
 W.A.M. Children's Ministry

Sunday, Dec. 8th
 10AM in the MAC



BRING BAKED GOODS AND/OR ATTEND THE TABLE
 TO SUPPORT OUR SUNCREEK UMC

JUAREZ BAKE SALE

Provides Christmas dinner for our partners in Juarez
Sign Up to Help December 8th

Visit Our Website to Volunteer
www.SuncreekUMC.org/BAKESALE

DONATIONS NEEDED
New & Gently Used Gifts
 Drop off Donations by December 18th

make-up	ties	pictures	lotions
scarfs	books	knick-knacks	purses
gloves	office trinkets	towels	perfume
books	keychains	small kitchen items	gloves
jewelry	tools	(no sharp objects)	watches

all donations go to the
Boyd Holiday Store
 for children of Boyd Elementary



The Suncreek Music Ministry
 proudly presents

Gloria!
A Musical Celebration

Sunday, December 15th at 6PM in the Sanctuary

Our Gifts

Monthly Needs:	\$107,000
Contributions as of Nov. 26:	\$73,605
Total Contributions in 2024:	\$1,053,564

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