

# Montgomery United Methodist Church

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
28 November 2021 - 9:30 AM  
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PRELUDE: "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?" *arr. D. Paxton*

WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

## SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**  
O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
**Let us sing to the Lord with songs of praise!**

## HYMN: # 196 – "Come, Long Expected Jesus" – C. Wesley

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
*Chancel Choir*

THE MORNING MEDITATION - *Barbara*

KID'S CORNER – **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Every day, in countless ways, we are blessed by God.  
**God blesses and increases all that I have, all that I give, and all that I receive.**
- We live in the constant flow of God's blessings and love.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*arr. M. Hayes*



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DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN: #230 – "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (*vs. 1 & 4*)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

SCRIPTURE

*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord. *All:* **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SERMON: *The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Godlefski, Pastor*

GREETINGS !

HYMN - #202 – "People, Look East!" (*vs. 1 & 2*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "People, Look East" *arr. P. Taylor*