

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 am

12.10.2023

### GATHERING

*The people of God come together in the Lord's name*

#### Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Hopson*

#### Lighting the Advent Candles

##### \*Call to Worship

Friends, lend your ears as we listen for a word from God.  
Open your hearts, as we seek messages from the Lord.

**The Lord speaks to us in many ways - through a friend, in a song, as a thunderclap, or as a small quiet voice.**

Long ago, the Lord spoke to the holy family in Judea.

Some saw angels, others dreamed dreams, but all were moved.

**We celebrate God's message to them. It was a message for us also. They received glad tidings of salvation for all who believe.**

The Lord is not done speaking.

Through the Holy Spirit, our creator still speaks to those willing to listen.

**Speak to us, O Lord. Use this time of worship to guide us. Our hearts are open, ready to receive. Amen.**

*\*Opening Hymn #196 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

##### \*The Apostles' Creed

*See Green Response Card in Pew Rack*

Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian Faith.

##### \*Gloria Patri

##### Children's Moment

*Special Music- A Song of Christmas – Williams/Martin*

*Scripture Reading – Genesis 37:5-11*

#### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer*

#### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory – Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine– Chapman*

*\*Doxology - See Green Response Card in Pew Rack*

*\*Offertory Prayer*

### PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

*Gospel Reading – Matthew 1:18-25*

The Word of the Lord for all people. **Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon – We are the dreamers of dreams. . .*

### SENDING FORTH

*People of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith*

*\*Closing Hymn #213 – Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*\*Benediction*

*Postlude – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come – Held*

**Pastor:** Rev. J. Harlen Rife      **Organist:** Betty Gross

**Liturgist(s):** John Flanders & Karen Stadler

**Worship Leader(s):** Brian Lawson & Roger Herbst

**Special Music:** Chancel Choir

\* Stand in body or spirit. Please silence phones.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Kevin Brenneman  
Joe/Janice Conley  
George Cormany  
Velma Lopez

Rick/Sue Nivens  
Dale Palmer  
Blaine Rossiter  
Kristina Rossiter

Faye Shahan  
Michael Snyder  
Karen Susick

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#### Bed Brigade Save the Date

Start your year off serving. Join us on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for our 1<sup>st</sup> Bed Build of the year!

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Contemporary Service @ 10am  
Carols, Cookies and Cocoa**

**Candlelight Services  
will be at 7pm and 11pm**

#### REMINDERS:

Choir Practice Wednesdays @ 7:30pm in sanctuary

GUM Club/Level Up Sundays @ 10am

UWF meeting 3rd Thur @3:30 in library

Walking Group Saturdays @9am outside church office entrance

Office Hours M/W/F 9-1 & T/TH 9-3

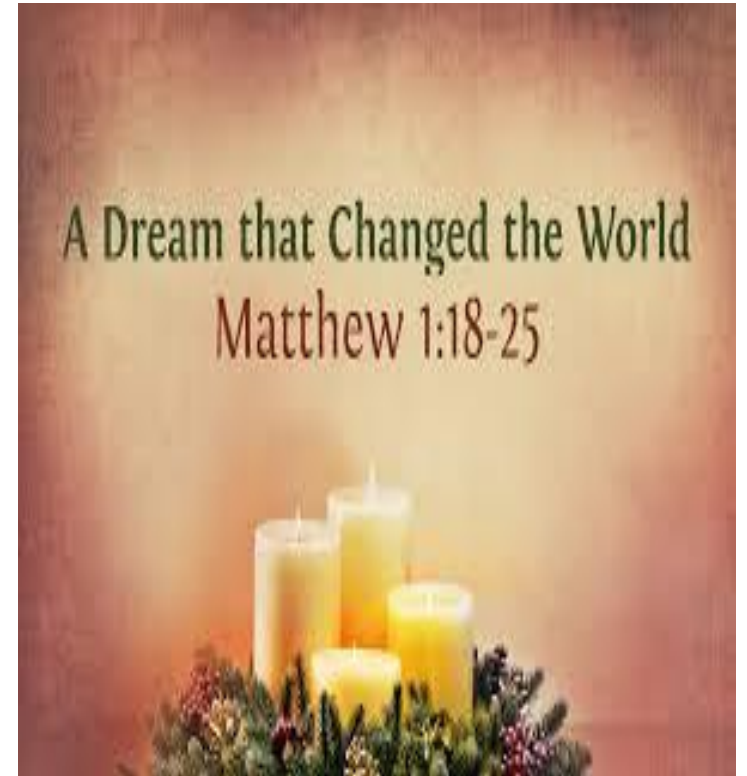
## SERMON NOTES:

Scripture: Genesis 37:5-11 & Matthew 1:18-25

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Mon/Wed/Fri 9-1pm**  
**Tues/Thurs 9 – 3pm**  
**(Please call before coming in)**  
**330.896.1936**



**Sunday Morning Staff**  
Rev. J. Harlen Rife, Pastor  
Dustin Oliver, Worship Leader  
Betty Gross, Organist/Bell Director  
Brian Lawson, Choir Director  
Diana Langenfeld, Nursery Director



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**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
Worship 11:00am  
Childcare Available for Pre-K and younger in Nursery