

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Welcome to Sunday Service
December 01, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev.: Jaime Torres
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Judi Hartshorn
Reader: Carolyn Diaz

***Candle Lighting Liturgy**

Reader One, Laura Shaw: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: *While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.*

Reader Two, Martha Gentry: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign

***Gathering Hymn: “Joy to the World” Pastor UMH #246**

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Children of God, pay attention! The days are coming when God’s peace will reign, and all creation will flourish under the reign of our Creator.

All: The days are surely coming!

Liturgist: Children of God, prepare your hearts! The days are coming and are already here when God will come near and show us how to recognize God’s reign among us.

All: The days are surely coming and are already here!

Liturgist: Children of God, be alert and listen! God has come near to build the kin-dom on the earth here and now. Will you join in?

All: The days are surely coming and are already here! We come to prepare our hearts to pay attention, to listen, and to follow God’s call to build the kin-dom of earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession All:**

Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations. We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents. We are busy with the stuff of the holiday. And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center, which is You. Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too. Enable us to let go of that which does not matter, and to see what does matter. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Liturgist:** Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you
People: And, with you! (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

***Liturgist: *Prayer before the Offering** Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kingdom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen. (Luke 21:25-36)

***Offertory** Song / Music Joy Asenas

***Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week**

Pastor: The Lord’s Prayer **UMH# 895**

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.

***Preparation Hymn** “O come, O come, Emmanuel” **UMH #211**

***Scripture Readings** **Old Testament** – Judi Hartshorn Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Testament – Carolyn Diaz Luke 21:25-36

COMMUNION

***Message “Preparations”** *By Pastor Jaime Torres*

***Hymn of Commitment** “Come, Thou long- Expected Jesus” **UMH # 196**

***Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People:** Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18th Century).

Liturgist Announcements: Fill out your poinsettia’s order; Mondays Music class 5:00p.m. at One Step; Coffee House meets at Senior Center Thursdays at 11:00a.m.; Food Share Dec 7

***Blessings for the people** (Pastor)

Beloved, go from this place blessed with a hope that takes root and grows, preparing us to notice, listen, and join in with God’s kin-dom work among us. Amen.

***Closing song** May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you. (Means to stand as you are able: in body or in spirit.)

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Rev.
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Hand Bell Choir Director
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Pastor Jaime Torres
Judi Hartshorn
Carolyn Diaz
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Ramos

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple 1” Bible Study
Monday’s 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

“Out Of Egypt”
Tuesday’s 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
Laura Shaw facilitating through ZOOM

Our Mission

Bardsdale United Methodist Church is a loving, caring,
Christ centered church,
growing in relationship with God, ourselves, and all others.

Our Vision

With God’s help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

December Birthdays

1st Jennifer Hurd
9th Carolyn Diaz
27th Jim LeBard
28th Erick Torres

BARDSDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcome to first Advent Sunday Service
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The Advent season is a time of profound significance in the Christian liturgical calendar, marking the beginning of the church year and ushering in a period of anticipation, reflection, and preparation. Derived from the Latin word “adventus,” meaning “coming” or “arrival,” Advent is a season that invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ— both in remembrance of his first coming in the Nativity and in anticipation of his second coming at the end of time. It is a time when we are called to slow down, contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation, and renew our hope in the promises of God.

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie Escobedo-Frank*

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*