

SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 07, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor: Jaime Torres
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Martha Gentry
Reader: Tom Somers

***Candle Lighting Liturgy**

Reader One, Judy Hartshorn: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" ([Malachi 3:2b-3](#)).

Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Reader Two, Carolyn Diaz : We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

***Gathering Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" Pastor UMH #238**

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Children of God, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

All: We come to listen and receive God's Word among us.

Liturgist: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

All: We come to listen and prepare to receive God's Word among us.

Liturgist: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God's Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God's love throughout the world.

All: May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today. Amen.

***Prayer of Confession All:**

God of Grace, you blow the breath of life into our lungs, you have formed us in your image. And yet we acknowledge that sometimes we are not who you would have us be. You challenge us to embrace the refining fire of your love, to meet you on the threshing floor of life, to be washed as with fuller's soap. But in our heart of hearts, we would rather keep those things that would be removed in such an encounter. Through your Grace, life-giving God, accept us as we are, Unrefined, unwashed, the chaff mixed in with the grain. And help us to move into a new way of being...*time of silence*...Listen! For this is Good News! God's Grace is wider than our wildest imaginings. God's Grace embraces us as we are and where we are and draws us out to be the people we were created to be.

Thanks be to God! 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** Loving God, in this Advent season, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your call. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, may our gifts help prepare the way for your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring hope, justice, and transformation. Help us to look beyond the surface, to see your work in surprising places and people. Bless our giving, that it may shine with the presence of Emmanuel. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

[\(Luke 3:1-6\)](#)

***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, All Ye Faithful" UMH #234

***Scripture Readings** Old Testament – Martha Gentry [Malachi 3:1-4](#) [Luke 3:1-6](#)

New Testament – Tom Somers [Luke 1:68-79](#)

***Message "Passion"** By Pastor Jaime Torres

***Hymn of Commitment** "O Little town of Bethlehem" UMH # 230

***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 Wednesdays at 11:00a.m.; Pastoral visits Thursdays and Fridays; Food Share Dec 21

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

Go, now, blessed with a passion that refines, molds, and shapes each of our hearts to reflect God's glorious love that transforms despair into hope, violence into peace, and distress into flourishing. 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:

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

Jaime Torres
Martha Gentry
Tom Somers
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

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcome to Second Advent Sunday Service
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Today’s scriptures also give us a wonderful place for imagining visuals. As you add light to the Advent wreath each week of Advent season, consider adding more light to the altar each week so that the altar/chancel creates a visual crescendo into Christmas eve.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*