

SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 07, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM
Rev: Jaime Torres

Liturgist: Judi Hartshorn
Reader: Marcia Heerema

Advent Candle Lighting

Bell Choir “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Chrismon Hymns “O Come Ye Faithful” “We three Kings” UMC#254

Call to Worship

L: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We recall the story of God’s people, how God has called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We recount the story of our journey with God, the moments of God’s provision, God’s prodding, and God’s prophetic guidance.

P: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We gather to repent and return anew to God’s story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God’s creation.

P: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.)

Children's Message

Marcia Heerema

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Persistent God of new paths, we have been called to prepare the way—not with platitudes, but with changed hearts and lives. In this season of turning and anticipation, we offer these gifts as signs that

we long to live by your story. Use them and use us to bear fruit worthy of repentance: fruit of justice, compassion, hospitality, and peace. Let our generosity reflect the nearness of your kingdom and the urgency of your call. In the wilderness of fear and want, may this offer clear a path for hope to be seen, known, and shared. In the name of the one who is coming and is already among us—

Christ, our Lord. Amen. ([Matthew 3:1-12](#))

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

Doxology:

UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH # 238

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 11: 1-10

New Testament Matthew 3: 1-12

COMMUNION and Hymn “What Child Is This” UMC #219

Message

“Signs and Stories”

Rev. Jaime Torres

Hymn of Commitment “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH # 240

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: Guitar lessons Mondays 5 p.m.; Coffee house Fridays 11:30 a.m.; Pastoral Evangelism Thursday’s; GriefShare Dec 14th 1:00 p.m. Don’t miss the Advent reading on the website, Caroling Dec 22nd 5p.m.

Blessings for the people (Pastor)

Advent people, go now in the blessing and inspiration of God to live God’s story wherever you go, that your lives may be an invitation to others to join in the journey to the day that all the earth awaits.

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. ***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Rev.
Liturgist
Reader
Greeters
Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin

Jaime Torres
Judi Hartshorn
Marcia Heerema
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple 2"

Beginning September 8th
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw facilitating on ZOOM

"Voices of Advent"

Beginning Tuesday October 4th
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
Laura Shaw facilitating on 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

9th Carolyn Diaz

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As you plan to worship for this day, consider how to present and represent the stories you tell in this space.

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

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*