

Note: The Liturgy for this Sunday is from Ministry Matters, The Wesley Study Bible NRSV, the UM Hymnal, The UMC Worship & Music Planner, and Feasting on the Word Advent Companion.

Household Prayer – Evening

Restore me, O God, from the rush of the day. Let me dream this night of all the great things You have done. As the darkness comes and these little lights in my house glow, I give thanks for the Greater Light no darkness can overcome. Bring peace as only You can give. Greeting me in the morning with new possibilities. In Christ. Amen.

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Short Creek Flutist - Ashley Mazzella

Acolyte: Short Creek- Nancy Mazzella/Gonzales Children

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Warwood - Short Creek Charge

United Methodist Churches

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2023

OT – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *Controlled by the Spirit, the prophet tells of the coming time of the Lord’s kindness. The Lord will bring good news: comfort for those who mourn and justice for the oppressed.*

Psalter – Psalm 126 *Captives have returned from exile and join in the celebration. Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.*

NT – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 *God wants us to be joyful and to keep praying all the time, giving thanks. The God of peace can be trusted to make us holy.*

Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28 *John was baptizing people, and some were curious about who he was. He said that he was not the Messiah but that he was preparing the way for the Lord.*

Greeting and Gathering

Prelude “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” arr. Bock

Centering Words

God’s faithful live as oaks of righteousness. Let us grow strong and true this Advent season.

*****The altar rail is open for prayer at all times; come as you are called*****

***Call to Worship**

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

P: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.

L: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

P: We open our hearts to all God’s children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

L: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

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