



Community of Faith United Methodist Church

November 29, 2020
First Sunday in Advent

Guide for Online Worship

THOUGHT FOR THE MORNING

It is while waiting for the coming of the reign of God, Advent after Advent, that we come to realize that its coming depends on us. What we do will either hasten or slow, sharpen or dim our own commitment to do our part to bring it. --- Joan Chittister

WELCOME

PRELUDE *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman*
BuPyeong Methodist Church Hand Bell Choir (South Korea)

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

PRAYER

Holy One,
we thank you for the glimpses we catch
of your gift of untiring hope.
Even in the midst of fear,

of challenge, of struggle --
even when our view is obscured
by clouds of doubt,
ignite the flame of hope within us,
**that we might glow with its brilliance
from the inside out.**

HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PROPHETS READING Isaiah 40: 1-11 (CEB)

ANTHEM *I Believe, Even When* Mark A. Miller
Christ Church UMC, Summit, NJ

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1: 1-15 (CEB)

WITNESS TO THE WORD Rev. Rob Vaughn

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & CHORAL DOXOLOGY

Believe, with a hopeful heart!
Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what our God has done for us." Believe!

PRAYERS *In the Stillness*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*In addition to these prayers, you are encouraged to
join in prayers at 10AM and/or 11AM – [click here](#) for Zoom*

CAROL OF RESISTANCE *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

BLESSING

We wait for justice
but we do not wait to work for change;

We wait for restored health
but we do not wait to work to heal;

We wait for wholeness
but we do not wait to work at binding brokenness;

We wait for peace
but we do not wait to work to eliminate hatred.

And so, my friends, like bells ringing out the news
that the sun still shines even on cloudy days,
fill the night left by sadness with messages of hope.

Go into your lives humming the tunes that keep that hope alive in you
and that spur you on in your work of justice and reconciliation.

Raise your voices and repeat after me... "do not be afraid!"

"Do not be afraid!"

Amen!



INVITATION TO PRAYING TOGETHER USING ZOOM

We will open a Zoom room for prayers at **10AM & 11AM**. Just click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9072600313?pwd=T0xxdHNFVmJmVWZHUe4vaEtVSFF2QT09>

Sunday worship is posted online to Community of Faith's Vimeo page at <https://vimeo.com/user87801901>. A Sunday early morning email will also offer a link to the worship bulletin, Zoom and announcements.

Beginning next Sunday, December 6, we will hold one prayer time over Zoom on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:15AM.

WELCOME

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. (Matthew 10:40)

At Community of Faith we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Contributions

Offerings may be made online at the church website www.cofumc.org, by texting to 73256 and in the message, enter COFUMC, or check can be mailed to 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, VA 20171-4034.

Christmas Angel Tree

The annual, physical *Angel Tree* will not appear in the narthex this season however your gifts are still requested. Like other organizations this CoVid season, gift cards for the families of our food clients instead of purchased toys are requested.

The cards will be used for the most asked for items: diapers, children's Christmas gifts, and gas & utility assistance. You can donate through

CoF's donate page by [clicking here](#) and select Advent 2020 OR mail OR deliver a gift card or box of diapers to church. Thank you.



Adult Church School @ 9am Sunday

Adult church school at 9AM via Zoom – connect by [clicking here](#).

For United Methodist News - visit www.umnews.org or check out the church webpage at www.umc.org

Defiant Requiem

Defiant Requiem, a feature-length documentary film, highlights the most dramatic example of intellectual and artistic courage in the Theresienstadt (Terezín) Concentration Camp during World War II: the remarkable story of Rafael Schächter, a brilliant, young Czech conductor who was arrested and sent to Terezín in 1941. His most extraordinary act was to recruit 150 prisoners and teach them Verdi's *Requiem* by rote in a dank cellar using a single score, over multiple rehearsals, and after grueling days of forced labor. The *Requiem* was performed on 16 occasions for fellow prisoners.

With testimony provided by surviving members of Schächter's choir, soaring concert footage, cinematic dramatizations, and evocative animation, this unique film explores the singers' view of the Verdi as a work of defiance and resistance against the Nazis. The text of the *Requiem Mass* enabled them, as Schächter told the chorus, to "*sing to the Nazis what they could not say to them.*" More information is at <https://www.defiantrequiem.org>. The film is available on Amazon Prime (if you don't have an account, they do offer a free 30-day trial).

Outside Communion this Sunday at Noon

Outdoor Communion continues this Sunday at Noon. Bring your own communion elements - bread and wine or grape juice. Everyone must wear masks. To participate, complete a [CoVid Health Form here](#).

Food Ministry needs back-up drivers

Volunteers are needed to substitute for drivers that pickup food donations on weekday mornings. Please contact Cathy Spaine at cfspaine@gmail.com

What's Happening This Week

SUNDAY (November 29) Adult Church School @ 9AM by Zoom
SUNDAY (November 29) Prayers by Zoom 10AM & 11AM
SUNDAY (November 29) Confirmation Class 11AM
SUNDAY (November 29) Holy Communion Service 12PM Outside
SUNDAY (November 22) Boy Scout Office Hours 4:30-6PM outside
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNINGS – Food Distribution Prep @11AM
TUESDAY (December 1) Food Distribution 4-5:30PM
TUESDAY (December 1) Vespers with Pastor Rob
SUNDAY (December 6) UM Men Zoom Meeting 8AM
SUNDAY (December 6) Worship Zoom Meeting 12:30PM
SUNDAY (December 6) SPRC Zoom Meeting 1:30PM
TUESDAY (December 8) Finance Zoom Meeting 7PM
SATURDAY (December 12) COF Outside Workday 8AM
SUNDAY (December 13) Administrative Council Zoom Meeting 12:30PM
SUNDAY (December 13) Drive in Nativity at COF 2-4PM
SUNDAY (December 20) Blue Christmas Zoom Service 5PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3PM- Younger Children Outside Service

4PM – Family Outside Service

6PM – Christmas Eve Online Service

PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY

Dave Parazinno, Georgetown Hospital, partner of Tracy Shelton recovering from a liver & kidney transplant
Prayers for health Betty Duddey, Gail Harman
Prayers of Thanksgiving Richard and Sandy Jones celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary. They were married fifty years ago on November 28th in their hometown Methodist church in Midway, Tennessee.

For our parents and families

Lauré Mackey's son's

Parents of Laura Babbitt (Nancy), Bane Vaughn (Betty Shamburger), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Winnie Rosenberger's mom

For our friends and neighbor

Matt & Christie as Matt is recovers from surgery at IFH, friends of Ghazel Chilan
Betsy Hulick Pender for health, goddaughter of Bane Vaughn

For our educators

Kristi Bohn, Song & Kelly Nam, Mary Ann East, Lee & Carol Larson, Laura Primrose, Alicia Greenberg and all our parents

For the nation and world

West coast fires
Persons infected with CoVid and their caregivers
Health care providers

Prayers of Christian Sympathy are extended to:

- ✦ Family of Crystal Owens, a 34-year old mother of 10-year-old Shane and daughter of Vicki and sister to Michelle upon her death; friends of Larsen family
- ✦ The family of Carol & Michael Ehlenberger upon the death of Carol's father on November 22.
- ✦ The family of Anna-Kate Hulick upon her death November 22. Anna-Kate is the sister of Bane Vaughn's goddaughter.

Ministers - The Entire Congregation

Lay Leaders – Greg Carter, Jocelyn Gabriel

Music Director: Mary Ann East; *Music Accompanist:* Kelly Nam

Children's Coordinator – Kelli Timanus; *Youth Director:* Hannah Godfrey

Nursery Care – Miyo Shimoda; *Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty

District Superintendent – Sara Calvert; *Bishop* – Sharma Lewis