



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

10:00 a.m.

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

*Invites you to stand as you are able

PRELUDE MUSIC

Svetlana Maddox

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Daryl

CANDLE LIGHTING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Cooper, Liturgist

Leader: Make ready a pathway for our God.

People: Clean out the debris in our hearts and our closets.

Leader: Clear out a space in our calendars.

People: Put aside any sense of unworthiness.

Leader: And focus on the One who comes to love us.

People: Prepare a place in our homes and hearts.

Leader: Set the table and light the candles,

People: For Christ is coming.

*OPENING SONG

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Quartet

UMH #209

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

One: God of love and life, in this Advent season you send your messenger into the world to prepare a way for you.

Many: Cleanse us and make us new, loving God.

One: A voice cries in the wilderness, calling us to repent, to turn our lives around.

Many: Cleanse us and make us new, loving God.

One: Sometimes we prefer things the way things are and we fear the changes you call us to make.

Many: Cleanse us and make us new, loving God.

One: Sometimes we forget the wondrous things that you have done for us and all your people.

Many: Cleanse us and make us new, loving God.

One: In this Advent season, enter our lives yet again, and bring us back to you.

Many: Cleanse us and make us new, loving God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The God who promises forgiveness of sins will give light to those who sit in the shadows, and will guide your feet in the way of peace.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Response: **Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

SCRIPTURE READING - Malachi 3:1-4

A MOMENT WITH KIMBERLY – “God With Us” Kimberly Gardner

SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 3:1-6

Response: **May the Spirit fill us with wisdom and understanding as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.**

SERMON

“If You Don’t Turn Around, You May
End Up Where You Are Going”
Pastor Daryl

SONG

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”
Soloist FWS #2089

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE TABLE/ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, both in the midst of time and history, and in the timeless presence of Christ's Spirit as we receive these gifts of bread and wine. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your love with all the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
Quartet UMH #196

SENDING FORTH

Assisting in Worship Today:

Liturgist: Shelley Cooper	Choir Director: Andy Maddox
Pianist: Svetlana Maddox	Sound: Bert Allen
Usher: Bill Slupe	Visuals: Rich Keefe
Praise Band Director: Kevin Daniel	

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5

- A 7-minute video on the completion of the parsonage will be shown after the service today.
- The choir rehearses Wednesday night at 7:00 pm
- **We continue with modified operations following Covid-19 safety protocols.**
- **Ways to Give:** You may: 1) drop your offering in the drop box at an exit door, 2) give by credit card by seeing Johnna, 3) give by mail at our address on the back, 4) donate online at whitneyumc.org/donate-now

Upcoming Events

- December 11 - United Methodist Men, 9:00 am at church
- December 12 - Jane Shaffer will be our guest preacher
- December 21 - Celia Cowan Circle, noon potluck at church
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship, 4:00 pm



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