



**WHITNEY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Boise, Idaho**

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**10:00 a.m.**

**December 4, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

\*GATHERING SONG & CANDLE LIGHTING      “Mighty to Save”  
Six Ways to Sunday      W&S #3038

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Pastor Daryl

CHORAL INTROIT      “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Carla Biersdorff, liturgist

L: The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come through the family of Jesse.

**P: This justice shall be for all of creation.**

L: Peace shall be established in all the world.

**P: Get ready! Prepare for God’s peace to reign!**

L: Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

**P: We give thanks to God for this time of healing and hope.**

\*OPENING SONG      “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”  
UMH #203

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, the stories of our faith have lost their power. We have heard the words of the prophets spoken so many times, the promises retold again and again, the call to prepare ourselves for your coming repeated so often, we don’t really hear or heed them anymore. We have replaced these messages of life with guessing what presents we are getting, with preparing for parties and the social obligations of Christmas.**

**Bring us back to a sense of mystery: a sense of awe, a sense of wonder, a sense of excitement, a sense of anticipation, a sense that something special is about to break into our everyday world. Help us prepare our hearts, souls, and minds for the coming of the messiah. Amen.**

SONG "When God Is a Child"

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES David & Carol Adams

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.**

ANTHEM "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Isaiah 11:1-10, Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON "Visions of Peace"  
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

\*HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"  
UMH #431

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY tune: God Rest You Merry

\*OFFERING PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH #15

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG DURING COMMUNION "Broken For Me"  
Six Ways to Sunday FWS #2263

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”  
UMH #218

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Becca Taylor

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Liturgist: Carla Biersdorff

Band Director: Kevin Daniel

Usher: Bill Slupe

Sound: Bert Allen

Nursery: Lorrie Baer

Visuals: Rich Keefe

Pianist: Becca Taylor

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4**

**Funeral Service for Geraldene Dass**

There will be a graveside funeral for Geraldene Dass, who passed away on November 13, on Wednesday, December 7 at 2:00 pm at Dry Creek Cemetery.

**AED Training**

There will be a training on how to use our new AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) on Saturday, December 10 at 1:00 pm. The training is open to anyone who is interested in learning how to use an AED and will last approximately 2 to 2 1/2 hours. If you plan to attend please sign up here <https://tinyurl.com/yk7b56p6> or contact the church office at [office@whitneyumc.org](mailto:office@whitneyumc.org) or 208-343-2892.

**Whitney UMC Family Outing for December**

For December, we are planning a pizza, game, ornament making, and hot chocolate night! This will be held at the church on December 17 at 4:30 pm.

## Upcoming Events

- December 7 - Funeral Service for Geraldene Dass, 2:00 pm at Dry Creek Cemetery
- December 10 - AED Training, 1 pm
- December 17 - Whitney Family Outing, 4:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Worship, December 24, 4:00 pm

## Weekly Happenings

- Practical Scripture, Sundays at 8:30 am, Room 6
- Children's Sunday School, during worship every other Sunday: November 27 and December 11
- Bible Study, Sundays 15 mins following worship, Room 6
- Prayer and Share Group, Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, meets via Zoom
- Shawlers meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm at the church
- WEPRAY, Fridays at 11:00 am contact Shelley Cooper for meeting information
- Community Dinner, 3rd Friday at 5:30 pm
- Saturday Lunch, every Saturday, 10:30 am – noon



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