

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
December 9, 2018  
Second Week of Advent

PRELUDE "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" traditional,  
arr. by E.T. Rogers

NEWS OF THE CHURCH  
Connection Cards  
Announcements

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will listen to what God the Lord says;

**HE PROMISES PEACE TO HIS PEOPLE, HIS FAITHFUL SERVANTS.**

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

**THAT HIS GLORY MAY DWELL IN OUR LAND.**

Love and faithfulness meet together;

**RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE KISS EACH OTHER.**

\*HYMN "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (vs 1 and 3) Pg. 218  
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (vs 4)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Frazier Family

HYMN "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (vs 1 and 3) Pg. 196

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Offertory "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by John Calkin

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READING "Philippians 4:4-7" Judy Hotz

SERMON "The Highway of Peace" Pastor Ann Wurster

\*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**"How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is giv'n!**

**So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His Heav'n.**

**No ear may hear His coming, but in the world of sin.**

**Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in."**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs 1) Pg. 211

\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*POSTLUDE "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" German Melody  
arr. by John M. Rasley

\* Please Stand

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

# Welcome!

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us this morning!

- Child care is available at 9:30am and 11:00am in the nursery located off the lobby. A private area is available for nursing mothers.
- Activity packets for children are available at the back of the sanctuary.
- Coffee and refreshments are available between services in the new coffee area in the lobby. Relax and enjoy a time of fellowship!
- Sunday School is available at 9:30am for children age 4 to grade 6 in our Education Wing, which is down the hallway past Fellowship Hall and up the stairs. Youth have Sunday School at 9:30am in the Youth Room on the 2nd floor.
- Following the children's message at the 11:00am service, children age 4 to grade 6 can follow the Children's Ministry Director out of the sanctuary to participate in Children's Church. Children return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is open to all who wish to partake (children will return at this time to partake.) Grape juice is served. Gluten-free bread is also available.

**Check us out on Facebook!**



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**THE HIGHWAYS OF  
ADVENT**

**Sharonville United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, December 9, 2018  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Traditional Worship  
8:15 a.m.