

**\*Hymn of Dedication** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Red Hymnal #206

**\*Benediction**

**\*Carrying Out the Light**

**Postlude** Hark, the Glad Sound! Franklin Ritter

*If you need to leave during the Postlude, please exit quietly so others may continue to worship.*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*John "Jack" Milbrodt, Acolyte*

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## *Welcome to Yardley United Methodist Church!*

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"Open hearts, open minds, open doors"

*The United Methodist Church*

**December 2, 2018**  
 First Sunday of Advent  
 11 o'clock

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Prelude to quietly center yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone. You are encouraged to sit down during the Postlude and listen to the music, which is the closing act of worship, in a time for reflection.

**Prelude**                        Soon He Will Appear            R. Schumann, Arr. Lani Smith

**Welcome**  
*Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.*

**Gathering Words**

**Leader:** This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**People:** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**                        O Day of God, Draw Nigh                        Red Hymnal #730

**Advent Candlelighting**                        Hope Candle

**Leader:** God of hope and promise, protection and strength, you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth. God of hope and endurance, you foretold the coming kingdom of God.

**People:** **We are your people, O God, and we affirm your covenant with us. We stand ready, hearts full of hope, for you will fulfill the promises made to all your people. Psalm 25 says, "All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws."**

**Leader:** On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of hope to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in our midst.

*(Light one purple candle.)*

**Candlelighting Song** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (*stanza 1*) Hymnal #196  
*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
 From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

**Prayer**

**\*Response** (*please stand*)                        Gloria Patri                        Red Hymnal #71  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Ministry of Music**                        Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus                        Robert A. Hobby

**Old Testament Reading**                        Jeremiah 33:14-16                        Pew Bible pg. 694 O.T.

**Gospel Reading**                        Luke 21:25-36                        Pew Bible pg. 80 N.T.

**Message:** Yardley: This is Why! "We Are a Blessing to the Community"  
 Mitch Harris, Bill Rymer

**\*Hymn**                        Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates                        Red Hymnal #213

**Presentation of Offerings**

**Offertory**                        Watchman, Tell Us of the Night                        Ben Logan

**\*Offertory Response**                        Doxology sung to the tune of "What Child Is This"  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Communion** *Communion will be received by intinction, walking forward. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. Gluten free communion is available from the pastor.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**                        Red Hymnal p. 12

**Invitation**

**Receiving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer After Receiving**

*Please turn the page*