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WORSHIP SERVICES

December 5, 2021

BOUCKVILLE United Methodist Church 9:30 AM
ORISKANY FALLS United Methodist Church 11:00 AM

Star Child, Hope Child

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“People, Look East”

UMH 202

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the time for great preparation. What have you come expecting today?

We have come to hear words of God’s messengers.

Listening to God’s messengers is often difficult.

Are you prepared to hear hard truth, and to receive it as good news?

We have come to hear God’s truth, and to receive the good news.

God’s word of confrontation is always followed by a word of grace.

Let us hear those words with gladness as we worship together.

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

OPENING PRAYER

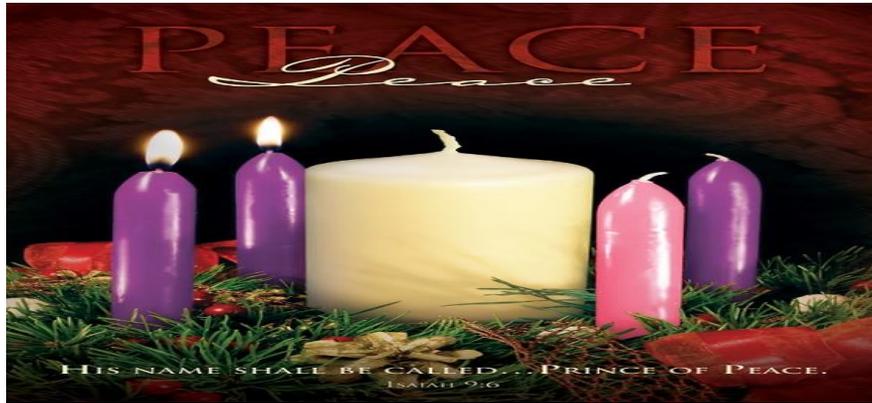
Holy God, your tender mercies shine upon us like the dawn of a new day.

Your light is the hope of all who sit in darkness, in the shadow of death. Be present in our worship this day and guide our feet into the way of peace.

AMEN.

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

Candle of Peace



HYMN

“Light the Advent Candle” Vs 1 &2

FWS 2090

Light the Advent Candle, one, Now the waiting has begun,
we have started on our way,
time to think of Christmas Day.

Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night,
candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Light the Advent Candle two, think of humble shepherds who,
filled with wonder at the sight, of the child of Christmas light.

Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night,
candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3: 1-4

HYMN

“Star Child”

FWS 2095 vs 1 & 2

Star-Child, Earth-Child, go between of God,
Love-Child, Christ-Child, heaven’s lightening rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas
Comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Street Child, beat child, no place left to go,
Hurt Child, used child, no one want to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas
Comes for everyone, everyone alive!

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE GIVING OF GIFTS

**OFFERING and BLESSING
PRESENTATION OF STARS
DOXOLOGY**

95 HYMN

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3: 1-6

MESSAGE:

“REPENT, RENEW, AND REPEAT!”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DURING ADVENT

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and who earnestly repent of their sin and to seek to live in peace with one another.

(Congregation to read all in bold print)

UMH 13-15

Pastor will insert message after:

“It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

(Pastor)

.....And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join your unending hymn....”

Congregation continues.... **“Holy, holy, holy Lord.....”**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Fat her, 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

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UHM 211 vs 1-4

BENEDICTION

**May God Bless You and keep You,
May God make his face shine upon You. And be gracious to you. May the
Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. AMEN**