

**Please stand, as able*

PRELUDE *Advent Carols & Hymns*
INTROIT: Elisabeth Berg - Ro Be Announced

For your prayer concerns, please use the forms inserted in your bulletin. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn to be included in our Morning Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The prophets call us to speak the word of justice and righteousness.

People: **May we find a growing willingness to respond to that call.**

Leader: Isaiah reminds us that God calls us to comfort the people.

People: **May we listen and bring that comfort to all in need of it.**

Leader: May we do these things as our way of preparing the way of the Lord.

***HYMN #2236 (TFWS)** *"Gather Us In"*

MORNING REFLECTION

Leader: In the lonely places
The wilderness
Where we stand forlorn
Windswept and alone
Your voice calls out

People: **Prepare a way for the Lord**

Leader: In the dark places
The shadows
Where we hide our fears
Embrace our tears

People: **Prepare a way for the Lord**
(From Faith and Worship.com)

MORNING PRAYER

Eternal One, as we enter the midpoint of the Advent season, speak to our hearts. Speak the word we need to move us from any darkness into the light of your love. In a time when turmoil abounds, a time of war and division, a time of worry and doubt, a time when your word too often seems absent, speak. For we need a word of reassurance that you are always with us. We need it as a world community, as a nation, as a congregation

and as individuals. Without it, we go our separate ways, and get lost.

Speak your word of peace and reconciliation. Wherever there is strife and division, remind us that as your people we are called to love you and our neighbor. Remind us that even those we would shun or those with whom we would disagree are our neighbor. Allow us to be faithfully fearless in speaking your truth in love, even when we disagree.

Speak your word of inclusion, your word that would lead us from judging one another, rather than accepting each other as sister or brother.

Speak, Eternal Love to our hearts and spirits that as Christmas comes once again, your word may be embraced and we find the joy and peace that passes our human understanding.

Hear these prayers and hear us as we remember others, (After each request is read, the response is 'God of love, hear our prayer')

We ask these things in the name of Jesus who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father, 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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #2090(TFWS) *"Light the Advent Candle" (vs 3)*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

ANTHEM *"Unto Us a Child Shall Come"* L. Larson

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 12:2-6; John 4:7-15

SERMON *"Drink Up"* Rev. Stinson

PRAYER

HYMN #2172 (TFWS) *"We Are Called"*

OFFERING Elisabeth Berg - *Christmas Selections*

DOXOLOGY

***HYMN #2172 (TFWS)** *"We Are Called"*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"The Three Drivers"* W.G. James

Welcome to Jesse Lee Church:

Find hope, joy, peace and the love of God here.

Front Door Wreaths are given by an **Anonymous Donor**.

Advent Candles were donated by the **Jaffe Family**.

Ushers: Jim Riling, Brian Sideleau

Scripture Reader: Steve Wendt

Save these Dates:

TODAY - 11:30 AM Annual Cookie Walk

TODAY - 11:30 AM Poinsettia Sale

December 24 - 7 PM - Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

Following the worship service, come to Bennett Hall and walk along the tables and fill a container with a variety of cookies for \$5.00. The proceeds of the sale will go to a local charity.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:30am Annual Cookie Walk
11:30am Poinsettia Sale

Monday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise
6:30pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

7:00pm District AA

Wednesday

9:15am Essentrics Exercise

Friday

9:15am Essentrics

Next Sunday:

8:45am Choir Rehearsal - Bennett Hall
10:00am Worship Service/Sunday School
11:00am Fellowship in Bennett Hall

Attendance: December 9 - 43

CIRCUIT WRITER: Items for the newsletter should be sent to Suzanne Herlihy (suzannevherlihy@gmail.com).

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Rev. Stinson in office Tuesday - Thursday, 9am-12pm. He can be reached by email at jstinson4242@aol.com. Emergency: 203-984-0141(cell) or 203-378-4702(Home)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Office Open 8:30am - 12:30pm Tuesday - Thursday. At other times please leave a voice mail message. For emergencies, please call Rev. Stinson at numbers listed above.

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Jesse Lee Church is the direct descendent of the oldest continuously operating Methodist Society of New England. Our church traces its origin to 1789 when Jesse Lee, A Methodist Circuit Rider (traveling preacher), was appointed to spread the Word of God to New England. The congregation has met in this warm colonial sanctuary since 1813.

The United Methodist Church is a Protestant Christian denomination of 10 million members in the USA and around the world. It is affiliated with Methodist Churches in 87 countries in the world. We confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the historic Christian faith.

Our Vision

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church seeks to be a compassionate congregation whose members, through word and deed, live the Great Commandment of Jesus Christ to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."



Jesse Lee United Methodist Church
At Worship
December 16, 2018
10:00 A.M.