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Mentor United Methodist Church

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent

The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence
and the royalty of Christ.

GATHERING

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Wilbur Held
Amy Bender, organist

Entrance of the Light **Presentation of God's Holy Word**

Please sign and pass the attendance pad
that you find at the end of each pew.
If you are joining us for the first time today,
please complete the blue sheet.

Choral Introit "Where Are the Shepherds" words by Sue Downing
Cherub Choir

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Recognition of Rev. Beverly Wrobel

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Candle of Joy

Shepherds - Joy in the Journey

9:00 The Nemelka Family 11:00 The Pershing Family

* Members of the congregation stand if able.

Scripture Reading New Testament Page 725
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:8-20

Sermon A Stable Relationship Rev. Sondra Snode
Shepherds Journey with Joy

SENDING FORTH

* **Hymn 251** "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

* **Choral Benediction**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

* **Postlude** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Wilbur Held

*** Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Preparation 236** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

CHRISTMAS

Sacrament Of Baptism (9:00)

Gwenivere Rose Kelleher

Profession of Faith

Congregational Response:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Gwenivere and her family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism with Prayer

Congregational Response:

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of God.

*** Opening Prayer**

Holy God, like the shepherds long ago, we want to experience your coming.

Help us set aside all that would hinder us from being in your presence.

Fill us with joy and gladness as we discover the Good News of your salvation, and send us into the world to proclaim Jesus' love.

In Christ's Holy name we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn 238**

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

GLORIA

Special Music

"Advent Celebration"

Mark Patterson

"Bethlehem Boy"

Cynthia Gray

Children's Choir

Children's Time

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

"He Shall Feed His Flock Like A Shepherd"

Handel

Tammy Palermo