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in memory of Paula Patterson, wife, mom and Grammie.

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Mentor United Methodist Church

December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

GATHERING

Prelude "The First Noel" arr. Hal Hopson
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.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Beverly Wrobel, Liturgist

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Candle of Love

Magi - Embrace Adventure
9:00 AM Class of 2020 Girls 11:00 Bob and Bev Lee

* Members of the congregation stand if able.

* **Doxology** UMH 94
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 230** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

Scripture Reading New Testament Page 681 Matthew 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon A Stable Relationship Rev. Sondra Snode
Magi Embrace Adventure

* **Hymn 254** "We Three Kings" KINGS OF ORIENT

* **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** "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" Wilbur Held

*** Opening Prayer**

**We, like Magi from the East, often ask, “Where is the Christ?”
Help us, O Lord, to see the signs of your wonder;
to observe your love at work in the world;
to recognize your Kingdom coming among us.
Empower us to pay you homage in all that we do.
Grant us generous hearts that do justice, love kindness, and find
ways to walk humbly with you – all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*** Hymn 237**

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

FRENCH CAROL

Special Music

9:00 Canticle Bells “We Three Kings” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
11:00 Chancel Choir “Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)” Dan Forrest

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

9:00 Canticle Bells “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. Kevin McChensney
11:00 Chancel Choir “This Child” Mary McDonald