



***December 2, 2018***

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*A Place to Trust...A Place to Become...Church in the Heart of Princeton*

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# *A Celebration of Praise to Hang the Greens*

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**December 2, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

As we gather together for worship on this First Sunday of Advent, you are invited to take some time to walk around and look at the different decorations that are in the sanctuary. The “meaning” for each of the decorations is included in this worship program. Please allow yourself to “experience” these items rather than just seek to understand them. In some way, each item enables us to experience something of the Christ we know as Jesus. So, be open to Jesus’ presence in your exploration and in our worship together.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

Pastor Scott Sears

## **VIDEO**

“The Real Meaning of Christmas”

## **†CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Please read responsively the bolded words on the screen.*

## **†CONGREGATIONAL SONG**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
*United Methodist Hymnal, No. 211*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 9:2-7

## **PRAYER FOR PREPARATION**

*Please read together the prayer as projected.*

## **A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

### *The Symbols of Advent in Word and Song*

## **MYSTERY**

†Congregational Song

**Sherrie Price**

“What Child Is This?” (*UMH*, No. 219)

## **WONDER**

Congregational Song

**Vicki Horton**

“There’s a Song in the Air” (*UMH*, No. 249, v. 1, 2)

## **PRAISE**

†Congregational Song

**Ginger Craft**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (*UMH*, No. 238, v. 1, 4)

## **JOY**

†Congregational Song

**Tony Veneri**

“Joy to the World” (*UMH*, No. 246, v. 1, 4)

## **LIGHT**

*Video*

**Becky Veneri**

“Words of Light”

## **RESPONSE TO THE SYMBOLS AND SONGS OF ADVENT**

*†Denotes moments in worship where we invite you to stand as you are able.*

**PROGRAM BY SPECIAL GUESTS**  
**Princeton Senior High School Madrigals**  
**Directed by Mr. Allen Kade**

*Babethandaza*..... arr. Victor Johnson  
*Whisper! Whisper!* .....Jay Althouse  
*What Child?* ..... Ruth M. Gray  
*Japanese Proverb* ..... Gary Kent Walth  
*Carol of the Bells* ..... Peter J. Wilhousky  
*Jamaican Noel*.....Kirby Shaw  
*Set Down Servant* ..... Spiritual / R. Shaw

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** ..... *The Lord Bless and Keep You*  
Peter Lutkin  
Delivered by the PSHS Madrigals

**POSTLUDE**

**Our Servants in Worship**

*Pastor Scott Sears*

*Pianist – Allen Kade*

*Altar Guild Chair – Ann Graham*

*AV Techs – Larry Cook, Rick Dooley, Jeremy Wenisch*

A big thank you to the Altar Guild and their helpers for the work they have done to adorn our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. May the beautiful symbols reflect the beauty of the life of Christ in our lives as we await his second advent.

## Madrigal Singers, 2018

Madison Austin  
Joseph Barton  
Abigail Belcher  
Jenna Belcher  
Barry Dalton Bowman  
Grace Campbell  
India Chahar  
Makayla Chibuzo  
Regan Cochran  
Shane Cook  
Megan Cox  
Samantha Ellison  
Tiffany Flanery  
Alexandria French  
Hailey Gibson  
Angelique Gore  
Keelyn Gore  
Madison Gunnoe  
Jonathan Harvey  
Brianna Hoffman  
Logan Howard

A. J. Jenkins  
Tanner Myers  
Dalton Nelson  
Madisun Parsons  
Brandon Powell  
Jaden Robertson  
Richard Rose  
Grant Sarver  
Braxton Sigmon  
Julie Stoneman  
Victoria Terry  
Allen Thompson  
Evan Thompson  
James Thompson  
Hannah Thornsberry  
Kimberly Turner  
Chasta Walker  
Erin Wellman  
Emily Wright  
Khayman York  
Lake Young