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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



DECEMBER 8, 2019



**First United Methodist Church
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Second Sunday of Advent

Gathering

OPENING PRAISE *Let All the Earth*
WELCOMING OUR GUESTS
PRAISE SONGS *Your Grace is Enough*
A New Hallelujah
Angels We Have Heard on High

SHARING GOD'S PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel*

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 11:1-6*
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SERMON **MANAGING CHRISTMAS:** Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
"Consider what Counts!"

OFFERING *Oh How I Love Jesus*

COMMUNION *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

FINAL BLESSING *More Precious Than Silver*

CLOSING *When a Savior Dreams*

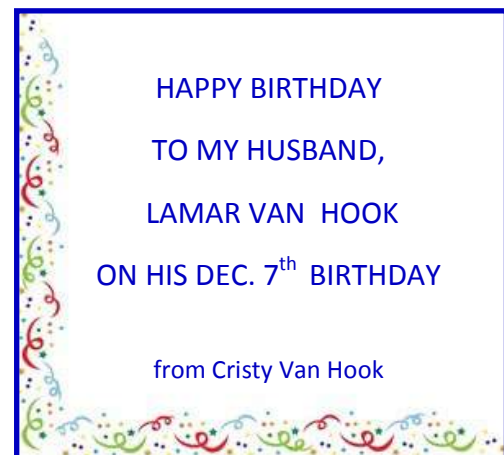
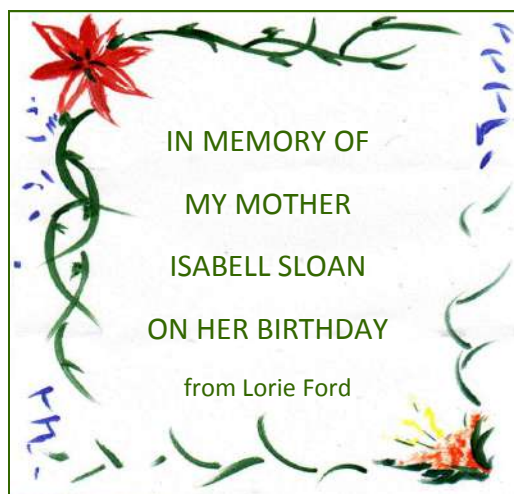
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CENTERING WORDS

In the birth of a babe,
in the celebration of a season,
hope is born again.

PRELUDE

What Child Is This William C. Dix/arr. Dan Coates

INTROIT

The King of Glory Comes TFWS #2091

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, one and all, in the name of Christ Jesus!

We come to worship God, singing praises to Christ's holy name.

Welcome, Christ Jesus, in this place we call your home.

We come into Christ's presence, rejoicing this day.

*OPENING HYMN

People, Look East No.

202

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God,
bring us hope and peace this day.
Help us to prepare for the celebration of your birth.
Help us to prepare for the coming of your justice
As we follow the Prince of Peace
in this moment, and in the days ahead.
Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judy Atwood

Jesus Loves Me (as children come and go)

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

ANTHEM *Emmanuel* Laura Story

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-6
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HYMN (remain seated) *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* No. 218
verses 1,2 & 4

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OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Traditional/arr. Jerry Ray
Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*CLOSING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads* No. 213

*BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill us with so much joy and peace,
through our faith in Christ Jesus,
that we may be over-flowing with the peace of the Holy Spirit!

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Snow Lay on the Ground* TFWS #2093

POSTLUDE *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Traditional/arr. Tom Roed

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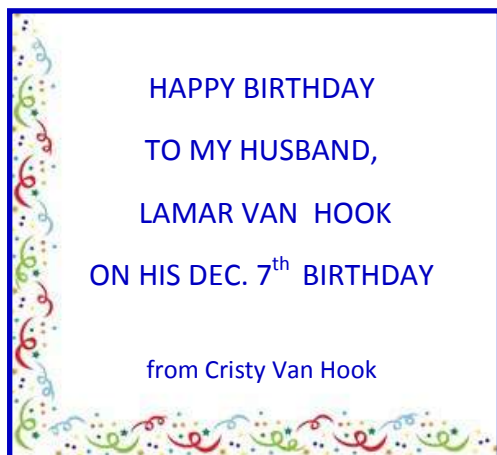
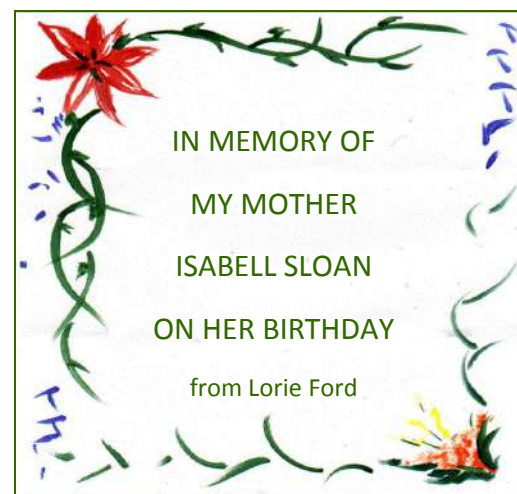
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