

Welcome To Worship
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
November 28, 2021 ~ 9:30 am

First Sunday of Advent
“HOPE”
A Service of Healing

CHORAL INTROIT (CHOIR)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: George Kirk

CALL TO WORSHIP: George Kirk
Heavenly Father, as we come together this morning to worship your Holy Name,

**We lift up our brothers and sisters who need your healing.
Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, source of life and health:
strengthen and relieve your servants...
(Here silently lift up the names of those who are in need of healing.)

**and give your power of healing
to those who minister to their needs,**

that those for whom our prayers are offered
may find help in weakness
and have confidence in your loving care;

**through him who healed the sick
and is the physician of our souls,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER: George Kirk

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (FAMILY) The Weeks Family

MINISTRY IN MUSIC: “Hold onto Hope”
“ Little Baby Jesus”

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: George Kirk
Luke 1: 26-38 (*Focus is on verse 37*)

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be

great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY OF HEALING: Pastor Jay

INVITATION TO ANOINTING FOR HEALING: PASTOR JAY

(Choir & Musician sing and play softly as anointing takes place)

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE Hymnal #95

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.
Amen.

*SELECTION: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. **Refrain**

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. **Refrain**

O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. **Refrain**

*BENEDICTION: Pastor Jay