

*Sanctified Art Advent Devotionals* for home study and reflection are available in various locations throughout the church and in the hallway rack by the office.

The Cleveland Opera Theater presents *Amahl and the Night Visitors* on Friday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in our Sanctuary. In the spirit of the holiday season, this production is presented unticketed and free of charge with 100% of donations received supporting The City Mission's Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 12: Music Ministries Sunday (during 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services)

December 21: Longest Night Service – 7 p.m. (Great Hall)

December 23: Online Christmas Eve Service ([cotsumc.org/live](http://cotsumc.org/live))

December 24: Modern Worship – 4 p.m. (Great Hall)

December 24: Proclamation of Christ's Birth – 6 p.m. (Front Lawn: 15 minutes)

December 24: Candlelight Worship with Nativity Pageant – 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

December 24: Candlelight Worship with Nativity Pageant – 9 p.m. (Sanctuary)

December 26: One Worship Service – 10 a.m. (Great Hall)

# CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR

*United Methodist*

*Bringing New Life to Greater Heights*



December 5, 2021

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Rev. Andy Call, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Amanda Moseng, Pastor of Discipleship



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

11:00 a.m.

## OPENING TO GOD

PRELUDE *The Lamb That's Soon to Come* Charity Boyles  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Rick Deasley

WELCOME The Rev. Andy Call

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Schroeder

One: If life was a home, then we would pray:

**All: May love be the foundation.**

**May God be the cornerstone.**

**May the Spirit be the windows - ushering light in.**

**And may hope be the walls - holding us together.**

One: In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

**All: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.**

One: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

**All: Let us worship Holy God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #202 *People, Look East* Besançon

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Joe Walker and Tamar Clark

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Call

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, When John was Born,**

**Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear.**

**We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it.**

**We forget that in the beginning we were made good.**

**We doubt that we could possibly be enough.**

**We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.**

**We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions.**

**Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.**

**Open our ears as you open our hearts,**

**so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.**

**Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence is kept.)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Angel Tree:** Please drop off your gifts in room 122 (by the Reinberger Entrance).

United Methodist Women have graciously provided small scale **poinsettia plants for delivery to the homebound** members of our church family. Plants will be available for delivery beginning today. Stop by the Welcome Desk in the Tower Entrance to pick up a plant and sign up to make a delivery.

**Mitten Tree:** Church of the Saviour is partnering with The Salvation Army East Cleveland to provide hats, mittens, gloves, and socks for those in the East Cleveland community. Please place your donated items on the branches of the tree in the Great Hall through December.



**EMBARK: New Membership Orientation** - If you've been attending online or in person and you're ready for the next step, we would love to invite you to experience the joy that comes with *going deeper by becoming a member*. The next session will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. Please register in the church office or use the link in The Chimes.

Join United Methodist Women on Tuesday, December 14 at 10 a.m. in the Parlor for traditional **Christmas melodies** from England, Germany, Scotland, and the USA. Consider inviting a friend to listen when "The Noble Roaders" play fiddles, guitar, dobra, and mandolin followed by a Sing-A-Long.

Join us on Wednesday mornings for *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*. This **4-week Advent study** started on Wednesday, December 1 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. A study book and a daily devotional are available for purchase on Amazon and Cokesbury but neither are required to participate. To sign up, contact Rev. Amanda Moseng at [amoseng@cotsumc.org](mailto:amoseng@cotsumc.org).

**Holiday Grief Group:** The holidays are a joyous time but can also be a time of sadness for those grieving the loss of a loved one. You are invited to a 3-week holiday grief group on Wednesdays in December (1, 8, 15) at 7 p.m. that will take place via Zoom. Please contact Rev. Amanda Moseng at [amoseng@cotsumc.org](mailto:amoseng@cotsumc.org) to receive the Zoom link.

Kathleen Szabo, our church librarian, has created a list of Advent books, movies, and music selections that you may borrow from the **Genevieve Seese Library**. The flyer is available near worship spaces and in the hallway rack by the office. (View online at [cotsumc.library.site](http://cotsumc.library.site))

THE LORD'S PRAYER (#895)

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Call

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #559 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

\*BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE *Come, O Savior of the World* ("Prince Rupert") Glenn Medlock

\*The people may stand.

David Gilson, Director of Music  
Robert Day, Organist

*The flowers on the altar are given  
in loving memory of Richard Hiles on the anniversary of his birthday,  
a gift from his family;  
and  
to the Glory of God,  
a gift from Church of the Saviour Foundation.*

Please register your attendance at today's worship service here,  
or on the church's website. Thank you!



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us:  
"You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives.  
That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace  
and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:  
**All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of Winifred Faye Smith and welcome her into the  
Christian faith. Winifred is the daughter of Benjamin and Rachel Smith and sister of  
Mayer.

Members of the household of God, I commend Winifred to your love and care. Do all  
in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope and perfect her in love.

**All: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the  
example of Christ. We will surround Winifred with a community of love and  
forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in  
service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who  
walks in the way that leads to life.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Of the Father's Love Begotten* John Ness Beck  
Chancel Choir

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:57-80 Rosemary Palmer  
One: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE "Laying the Foundation" Rev. Call

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF REFLECTION#209 *Blessed Be the God of Israel* Merle's Tune

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Amanda Moseng

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Call  
Offertory  
\*The Doxology (#95) & Prayer of Dedication

## HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (musical response: O Come, Emmanuel )

One: The LORD be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the LORD.**

One: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### Sanctus/Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

(Accompaniment at *United Methodist Hymnal*, No. 211)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, O God of glo - ry,  
po - wer and might. Heav - en and earth are full, are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

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...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

### Memorial Acclamation

(Accompaniment at *United Methodist Hymnal*, No. 211)

Christ has died, Christ has risen,  
Christ will come a - gain!

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...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

### Great Amen

A - men, A - - - men,  
A - - - - - men.

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