**Second Sunday of Advent** December 4, 2021

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

 **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome visitors every time we gather for worship and hope the warmth of that welcome is evident to you. Everyone is asked to sign the attendance pads located in the pews near the center aisle.

**\*UNISON PRAYER
God of peace, we behold your glory in the heavens. You breathe your passion for justice and peace into our hearts. We long to wake from sleep, for our kingdom has drawn near. We yearn to return to you once more. Let our spirits bear the fruit of repentance. Let our faith help the weary, defend the poor, and deliver the oppressed. Living God, may your righteousness flourish and your peace abound in every corner of our lives and all over the world. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

**People: God's kingdom has drawn near.**

Leader: Prepare the way of peace.

**People: God's salvation is at hand.**

Leader: Prepare the way of righteousness.

**People: God's Spirit moves among us.**

**Together: Prepare the way of the Lord. Blessed is the one who**

 **comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

 **\*HYMN**  **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”** UMH 234

**Children’s Time** Pastor Kim

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSSON Matthew 3:1-3; Jonah 1:17-2:4**

**MESSAGE “Waiting in Patience and Expectation”** Pastor Kim

**OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**\*PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**\***OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON)

**Gracious God, you offer us a gift beyond price. Your Son is like the sweet kiss of rain on a barren land. Your promised salvation is like the bread of heaven for those who are perishing. O God, who restores and makes new, let these gifts prepare the way: for good news proclaimed, for people comforted, and for the earth tended. Through our giving, may all partake of an abundant yield of peace. We believe it will be so. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION *“Sanctuary”***

*“Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary; Pure and holy, tried and true With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living; Sanctuary, for you”*

**\*HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** UMH 196

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Jonah 1:17-2:4**

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**Mission**

The founder of the Methodist Church, John Wesley said, “The world is my parish,” we have inherited his mission as ours. Trinity United Methodist Church of Marmora is the Church of Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors.

We welcome everyone and embrace diversity.

The people of The United Methodist Church are putting our faith in action by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world which is our church’s mission. Through the power of our connection, we are making a positive difference in more than 125 countries.