

In Our Prayers

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Welcome!

**No matter who you are or where on life's journey,
you are welcome here and we are glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!**

If this is your first time visiting with us, we would love to share a little bit more about who we are with you. Please fill out as much information as you are comfortable providing on the enclosed Welcome Card and place it in the offering box located on the table in the Narthex.

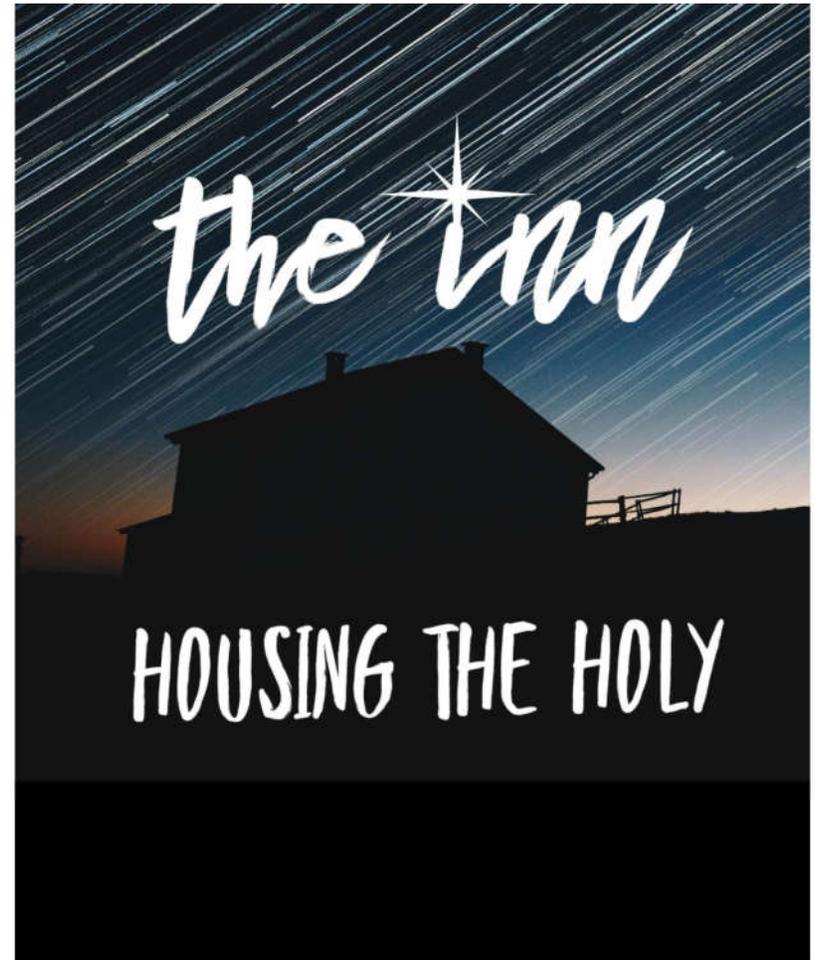
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*Following Jesus, we answer God's call to practice
faith, mercy, and justice in community.*

Advent Sermon Series



The pandemic has laid bare, and widened, economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter the Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Join us for our Advent worship series beginning Sunday, November 28. We will also be providing a daily devotional throughout the season and we will once again have advent candles for you to take home, along with beautiful Advent candle holders created by Nelson Stone.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

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Alt. tune: FOREST GREEN

“Unsettled World”

1. Un - set - tled world, where peo - ple long to
 (2. Un) - set - tled world, where mon - ey rules and
 (3. Un) - set - tled world, where an - gry poor from
 (4. Un) - set - tled world, un - set - tled church, whose

Gm Gm7 Bb Fm7 Fm7/Bb Bb Cm/Eb Gm/Bb

find their way, to feel se - cure, from lives of tur - bu -
 greed - y sys - tems call the tune; for strength to keep our
 grind - ing need at af - fluence stare, with tears and thirst for
 struc - tures creak and doc - trines swirl, by faith, and in the

Cm/Eb Gm/Bb Cm/Eb Cm/D Cm7 G2 G

lence and rush we come, to seek your peace, our God, your
 val - ues straight we come, with trust in you, O God, your
 truth and right we come, with long - ing in our hearts, your
 strength of Christ, we strive, in true com - mu - ni - ty, your

Cm Cm7/Eb F F7/Eb 1-3 Bb/D Cm7/G Fsus F 4 Bb/D Gm Eb/F Bb2

word to hear, our faith to live. 2. Un -
 word to hear, our faith to live. 3. Un -
 word to hear, our faith to live. 4. Un -
 word to hear, our faith to live.

Congregation: Unison

WORDS: David Sparks
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson
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Decorating for Christmas!



November 26

10am

Sign up at church!

Congregational Tree



This year, instead of our usual Christmas tree, we will be decorating a Congregational Tree together! We are asking you to bring a family decoration to hang on the tree in the Narthex. Let's celebrate this Advent season and our church family in this very special way!

Salvation Army Angel Tree



We are hopeful that you are planning to participate in our Salvation Army Angel tree this year. Please bring your **UNWRAPPED** items to the church by December 09. You may place them under our Congregational Tree.

This year, we are targeting:

EDUCATIONAL TOYS
CRAFTY ART
BUILDING KITS

November 28, 2021
MAKING ROOM: HOPE
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

We Open the Door

The Peace

Opening Hymn *“Unsettled World”*

Children’s Time

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 (CEB)

Anthem *“The Yearning”*

Second Reading Psalm 25:4-5 (CEB)

“Making Room” Pastor Jason

Prayers of the People

A Story of Innkeeping: Offering

Closing Carol *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*
(Verses 1-4)

Benediction

Postlude

Holiday Potluck Dinner



Holiday Potluck Dinner in Studebaker Hall on Friday December 10th at 6:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex after service on Sunday.

Bakers Needed



Interested in baking goodies for the
Annual Cookie Sale?
Please contact Janet Lisle or Susan Peterson.