

SHARON CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
November 30, 2025

PRELUDE
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASS THE PEACE

ADAM BERGERON
PASTOR WENDY

CALL TO WORSHIP LITURGIST
L: In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.
P: We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.
L: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.
P: We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.
L: Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

OPENING PRAYER LITURGIST
Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!”
~ written by Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen. Posted on **Patheos**.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

PRAISING GOD THROUGH MUSIC
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
Thomerson CCLI Song #89848 © 1970, 1975 Celebration

UMH #206 all vv.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 641

OFFERING MOMENT
DOXOLOGY

PASTOR WENDY

OFFERING PRAYER LITURGIST
Lord of our life, the path to you is straight, yet we waiver in our behavior like the Pharisees and Sadducees. Our hopes and dreams often are self-serving and materialistic. We rush through this season buying gifts that we hope will convey just the right message. However, you invite us to ask ourselves if we are equally as busy preparing messages that proclaim the Good News to a hurting world. Through giving, remind us again, O God, of the baptismal covenant. This Advent, may we proclaim a message that is exemplified by our generosity, our kindness, and our prayers. In Jesus’ name, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD’S PRAYER

PASTOR WENDY

SONG OF PREPARATION
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Wesley and Prichard CCLI Song #31999 Public Domain

UMH #196 all vv.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 3:1-12 p. 891

SERMON: “Giving the Gift of Hope”

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CLOSING WORSHIP SONG
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Coffin, Stookey, and Helmore CCLI Song #31982 Public Domain

UMH #211 vv. 1,4, 6

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

PASTOR WENDY
ADAM BERGERON

Pastor Wendy Brown	Pastor
Adam Bergeron	Pianist/ Organist

This Week

Sun	7p	Sharon Community Christmas Tree Lighting and Program at Town Hall
Sat	8a	Men's Study Group at Bob Evans

Upcoming Events

12/14		Poinsettia order deadline
12/14		Adopt-a-Family return deadline
12/24	9p	Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-We are invited to join the Men's Study held at Bob Evans on Rt. 18 & by I 71 on the first Saturday of the month at 8am. Contact Don Brown for more info.

-We are starting a new prayer chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, please contact Nancy Baldwin. Phone 330-350-0913. Nancy's e-mail address baldwinwn@aol.com. Please send your name, e-mail address and phone number. Nancy will contact each one of you after she gets a list together.

-We will decorate the church with Poinsettias for Christmas. The order form for Poinsettias is in the bulletin, newsletter, email, and at the back of the sanctuary. Please fill out and return to the offering plate, office, or Nancy Baldwin. They are \$13 and must be returned by 12/14.

-We will participate in the Adopt-a-Family program this year with details to follow. The return deadline will be Dec. 14.

Welcome to Sharon Center United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are glad you are here! We welcome all to our Worship Service and our Communion Table is open to everyone. Please join us in our activities and gatherings and if you have a question, just ask, and come back again soon! At Sharon Center UMC we are committed to building relationships with Jesus Christ. For families of all ages, this is a great community to join as you grow in your relationship with God and with others.

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