

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022, 8:30AM

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

### GATHERING

*(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor)*

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE: UMH #272**      *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly*      S. Chaves-Melo

### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** (Cf. Mark 1:4)

“We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

**ADVENT READING**      Mark 1:4      Few Bible page 32

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “THE APOSTLES CREED” UMH #88 1**

**OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #213**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**      Heather Connor

**ANTHEM**      *Mary’s Little Boy Child*  
Charles Gatch, Soloist

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12

### COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS

**THE LORD’S PRAYER #895**

**OFFERTORY: WORSHIP & SONG #3046**      *Come, O Redeemer, Come*      F. Ortega

**\*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

**\*A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**      Matthew 3:1-12      page 2

**GLORIA PATRI #71**

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**      “In the Wilderness, Part II”      Rev. Mack McDowell

**\*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #567**      *Heralds of Christ*

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE: UMH #475**      *Come Down, O Love Divine*      R. V. Williams

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

Those retrieving the homebound baskets are asked to do so at the conclusion of the service.