

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**December 10, 2023**

**O Christmas Tree:  
The Prophet Declares**



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# Today



Greetings and Announcements

Breathing in God's Grace

Call to Worship —

Because the needles of pine and fir trees appear not to die each season,

*The ancients saw them as signs of things that last for ever.*

Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah.

*To signify the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ.*

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Advent Reading

Advent Song: *Advent Song vs. 2* FWS 2090

God Winks

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: *Fairest Lord Jesus* UMH 189

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Message: *O Christmas Tree: The Prophet Declares*

Closing Hymn:

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

Benediction & Going Forth

*Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.*

*~ Thank you for your gift! ~*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*as of December 10, 2023*

### Oceana Singers

The Oceana Singers Presents It's Holiday Time concert at the Hart UMC today at 4pm

### Blue Christmas

A Service for those who are missing someone this Christmas will be at Shelby UMC on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7pm

### Volunteer Please

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the Christmas Baskets and Angel Gifts on Sat. Dec. 16 at 10am and help distribute it from Noon –2

### Christmas Eve Service

Will be held at our regular time of 9:15am—a service of carols, lessons and candlelight. There will be no Christmas Eve night service.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Sunday, December 17

O Christmas Tree:

The Holly and the Ivy

Isaiah 53:1-6

### Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

O Christmas Tree:

Light of the World

Luke 2

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