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***Thank you Sally Kos, Carol Harvey, Diana Johnson
& Trisha Hortop for the beautiful Christmas decorating***

Weekly Prayer List

Lucinda Abernathy & Melinda;
Brenda Ambe;
Jena Ambe;
Mara Ambe;
Ethan Anderson;
Megan Gochnauer-Andrist;
Allen & Cheryl Arnold

Happy Birthday this week

Jerome Stransky;
Carl Wieman;
James Hoggard;
Christ Minske



If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.)
or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734.
(The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live
at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on www.owatonnalive.com
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration
pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

WEEK 2: GET READY | MARK 1:1-8
To get ready is to prepare our hearts
and lives for Jesus.



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We are called to . . .
Gather in Christ’s Name,
Grow in God’s Love,
Serve All People.

The Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Advent-December 10th, 2023-9:00a.m.

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. by Lloyd Larson
Jubilee Ringers

† Welcome and Centering Words

* Centering Song *Light the Advent Candle, vs. 2* Black #2090

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Candle 2-Peace

* Call to Worship:

L: "In the beginning," "Stay awake," "The time is coming soon."

P: These words are proclaimed by the prophets through the generations.

L: As time moves on, we have forgotten to heed their words,

P: But God still offers us another chance to hear and understand.

L: Repent, reconnect, prepare -

P: Let us return our hearts, minds, and spirits to the purposes of God.

Unison Prayer:

"Get ready!" we hear. Is this a command? An invitation? A plea? However we hear this call, may we feel the urgency it holds, and respond. Amen.

Passing the Peace

* Opening Hymn *People, Look East* Red #202

Prayer of Confession:

Loving Shepherd, gather us in your arms of love. Cover us with your mercy and grace, that injustices might be healed and transformed into righteousness, justice and peace for your world. Guide us to your path, that we may be people who both await and who create your path of peace, justice, and love. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Words of Assurance

Special Music *Long Ago, Prophets Knew* arr. by Lloyd Larson
Jubilee Ringers

Sermon on the Steps

Scripture Readings Isaiah 40:1-11

* Hymn of Response *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Red #216

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 1-8

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

P: Thanks be to God, Amen!

Message "Get Ready" Pastor Lisa

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering *We Three Kings* arr. by Lloyd Larson
Jubilee Ringers

* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95

Offering Prayer

* Closing Hymn *God Almighty, We Are Waiting* Screen

Benediction

Postlude *Wake, Awake!* Ellen Jane Lorenz

* Please stand as you are able.

† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.