

December 2, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent – PEACE – “Sleep In Heavenly Peace”

Welcome Guests! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today! In the mighty name of our living Lord Jesus,

We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.

The asterisk () Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Gathering

**Announcements/Joys
and Celebrations**

(Donations for **United Methodist Economic Ministry**). Our 2018 Global Mission Initiative: \$2500/year; \$50 per week goal.

Contributions as of 11/25/18: \$2,658

Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Opening Prayer

Pastor Joe and Lay Leader

***Our Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Tony and Nancy Mastromarino (Today we light the first purple candle)

Reader 1:

We enter this season of waiting, by lighting this first candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Reader 2:

Advent God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only wait, but also work, for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

*** Spoken Response of the People:**

Fill us with your peace.

Illuminate our lives with your light Lord Jesus.

Make the world so calm and bright. Amen.

Scripture Proclamation: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lay Leader



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Economic Ministry
Salem Township, ME**

*** Hymn:** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Children’s Story Time:

Pastor Joe & John Phelps

“The Good News Bag”

Our Prelude to Prayer Song: Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Our Time of Prayer

We come together with prayers of Joy & Thanksgiving, and with prayers for Love, Healing and Wholeness. We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us. Today, is there an experience of God that you might share in praise of God.

The Lord’s Prayer (Will be recited during our Thanksgiving and Communion Service)

Responding to God’s Grace and the Proclamation of the Word

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

***Giving Glory to God in Song:**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our Prayer of Dedication (Shared together)

Lay Leader

We worship with listening, to the Spirit that has drawn near, to the friend so dear, to the stranger that we might understand. Lord, we come listening, listening to the silence in the night, listening to the murmured prayer, listening to the hope filled tears. May this offering now serve to equip our ministries of love through this your holy church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Proclamation: Philippians 4:4-7

Lay Leader

*** Hymn:** “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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Gospel: Luke 21:34-36

Pastor Joe

May God Bless the reading and hearing of this holy word

Response: Amen

Morning Message: Pastor Joe

Service of Thanksgiving and Communion Pastor Joe
Kelly Webster and Louise Young

*Hymn: "Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow" #2096

* **Our Benediction:**

May we go with God into this day.

May the Spirit guide our way.

Offering peace to all we greet.

Like Christ, let us see God in all we meet.

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For **Detailed information on the life and ministry of Union Church**
visit our website. Here you will find:

- A complete church calendar.
- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

Sunday School and Nursery Attendance Care

We are actively praying for weekly
Sunday School Teachers and Nursery Care Attendants;
that these ministries would be fulfilled.

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Chamberland

Lay Leaders: Carol Johnson/Kelly Webster

Choir Director: Don Petersen **Pianist:** Gwen Chase

Sexton: Ernie Merckens

Office Volunteers: Barbara Webster/Kathy Gerard

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Night* 200TH
ANNIVERSARY



Song of peace

"Silent Night" as a message of peace

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**Union Church of Belgrade Lakes
a United Methodist Church**

Our Mission is to live our experience of God's
love in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community
in the manner of Christ, where all are
welcome and cared for...