

MISSION STATEMENT:

**Equipping people for a growing relationship
with Jesus Christ to serve all.**

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here!
Please be sure to sign our Ritual of Friendship books, located
at the end of the pew.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a gratitude you wish to share, a prayer concern, or would
like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the appropriate card
found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

CHILD CARE

At the 8:30AM and 10:00AM worship services child care is provided in
the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers, and at 11:00AM
for Infants through Toddlers. At the 11:00AM worship service
Pre-Schoolers through Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise
in Room 102 following the Children's Time.

COFFEE HOUR IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

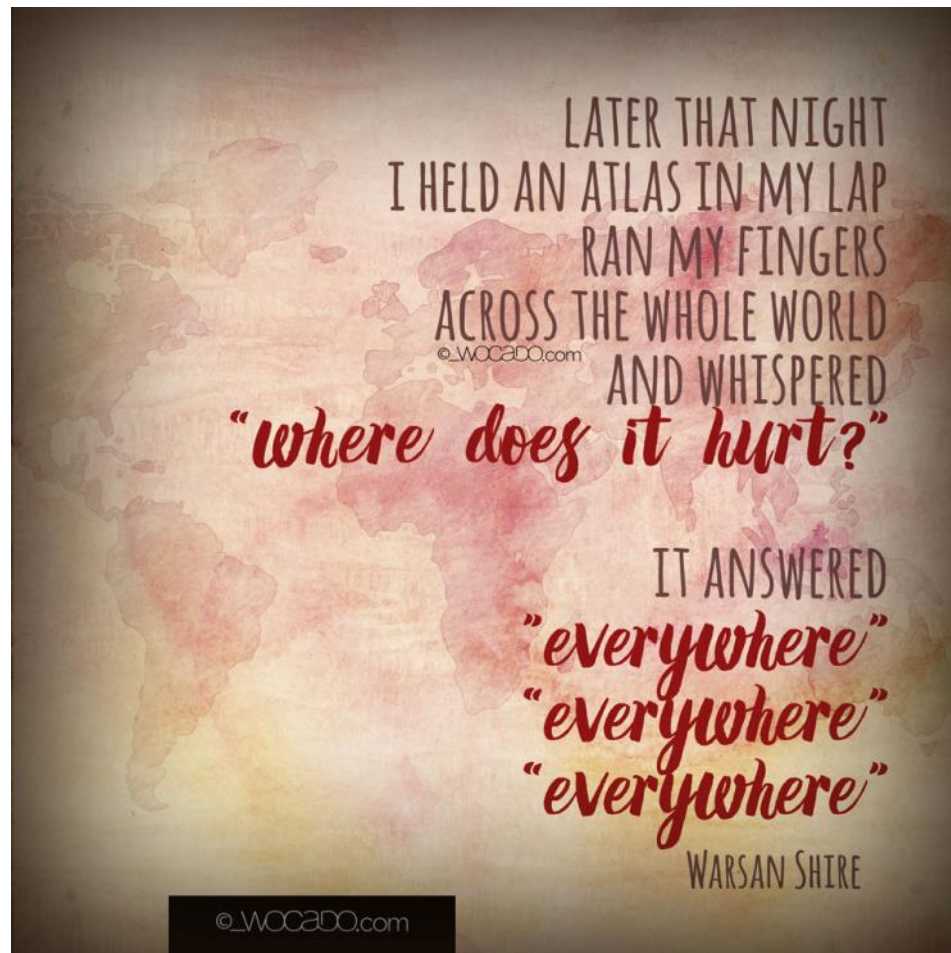
Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30AM worship service
for coffee and snacks. The Trevino & Johnson Families
our hosts today, and they look forward to serving you.

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, Lead Pastor
Rev. Sherry Steele, Minister of Faith Formation
Roger Beitzel, Youth Director

Sunday Worship Services:
8:30a Traditional Worship with Chancel Choir
9:45a Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation
10:00a Communion Service
11:00a Contemporary Worship with Worship Band

Beth Best, Director, Chancel Choir
Megan Marconi / Tim Scates, Co-Directors, Worship Band
Kelly Markwell, Director, Bellissimo
Karyn Holstead, Director, Jr. Choir
Kathleen Hermansen, Organist

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bold type indicates to read in unison*

PRELUDE "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" - Moser

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "The Voice of One that Crieth in the Wilderness"
- unknown

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
- Martin, Jessie & Henry Topalov

ADVENT SONG (TFWS #2090, verse 1)

**Light the Advent candle one:
Now the waiting has begun;
we have started on our way,
time to think of Christmas day.
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)
From ages past, no one has heard,
No ear has perceived,
No eye has seen any God beside you.
**We come and worship the God who was, and is,
and is to come!**

***HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v.1,2,6,7) UMH #211

***OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

**Holy and loving God, your will is that no one shall hurt or
destroy, yet your world is filled with violence and strife; we
cry out to you in longing and hope. We pray for our suffering
world, that God, who is often hidden, may be revealed to us
and to all. We long to see as you see, and love as you love,
God of mercy, God of peace, hear our prayer. Amen.**

(Brian Wren)

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND LOVE

The Peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you

CHILDREN'S TIME

Becky Potter
TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"
*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the
worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup,
prayer, and song: This is where children belong.*

CHORAL ANTHEM "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" - Paul Manz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-12 (CEB)

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1:16-19 (CEB)

SERMON

"If Only"

Rev. Sherry Steele

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation/Confession and Assurance UMH p.12
A Sung Communion Liturgy for the Season of Advent (insert)
Lord's Prayer UMH #895
Sharing the Bread and the Cup
Hymns During Communion UMH #626, #620, #624

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory "Judah's Land" - arranged by Johnson
*Doxology UMH # 95
*Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN** "There's a Spirit in the Air" (v.1,3,4,6) UMH #192

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "People, Look East" (refrain)
- traditional French

POSTLUDE "Bethlehem" - arranged by Johnson

Bible Reader: Kelly Markwell