

**Second Sunday Of Advent
December 4, 2011 10:00 AM**

**Blackstone Valley
United Methodist Church**

+ + +

*Our mission is to change people's lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

+ + +

~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Opening Song

"Ready The Way"

Insert

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy

Lee Ducharme,

Arielle Wilson and Sarah Ducharme

Reader 1: Advent is a season of waiting: waiting for the hope, peace, joy, and love of God to break into our lives anew through the story of the birth of Jesus. It is a season that reminds us to look for where God's way of love is present in our world today. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace.

Reader 2: We wait – not because we do not know the story of Jesus, and not because Jesus is not already and always here. We wait because to wait is to expect something more. To wait is to expect that the story might enter our hearts and our world in new ways, to bring the change for which we long.

(Light two Advent candles.)

Reader 3: As we light the candle of peace we remember the times Jesus has been our comfort, when Jesus has heard our cries for justice, for certainty, for peace, and he has led us home; and we know we can trust that he is still leading us forward, as we wait for his peace to be born, anew, in us.

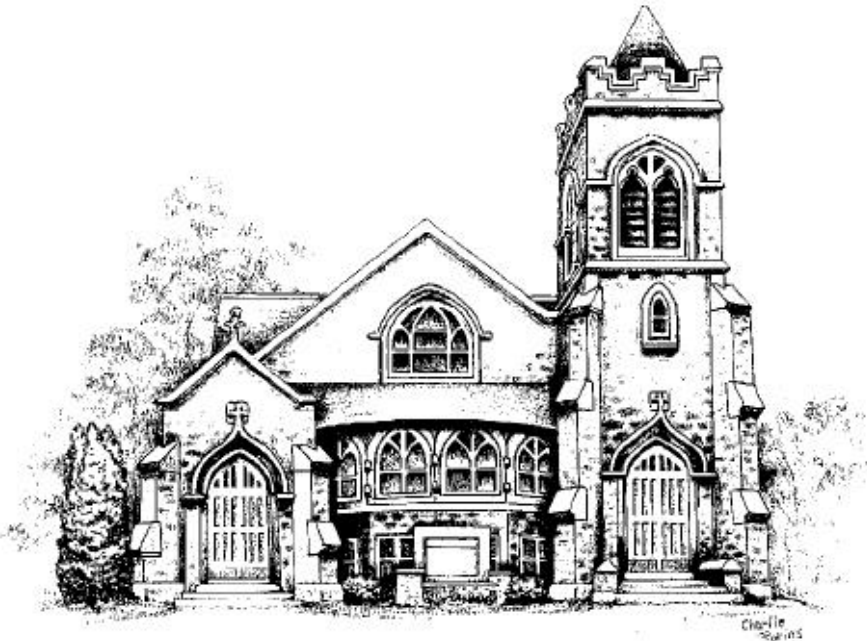
Hymn

"The King of Glory Comes"

#2091

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)



61 Linwood Avenue
Whitinsville, MA 01588
508-234-2275

Offertory "All I Need Is You" #2080

Doxology #95

Offertory Prayer

God of comfort and new beginnings, we turn back to you again, and bring to you these gifts of money, of creativity, and of ourselves, asking that you bless them, and us. May these gifts bring comfort to many. Amen.

+ + +

~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "We Worship You Almighty God
by Sondra Corbett-Wood

Reading of the Word

Hebrew Scripture *Isaiah 40: 1-11*

Gospel *Mark 1: 1-8*

Message *Rev. Michele Ewers*

+ + +

~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation Pg 12

Prayer of Confession

God, there are many things that block our path to relationship with you. Some of these obstacles are put in our way by others. When that happens, we can be angry and stubborn, refusing to find another way and we find it difficult to forgive. Sometimes the obstacles in our paths are of our own making, when we choose not to live the way Jesus taught and modeled. We may choose to do things our own way, and trip ourselves up. There are times when we put obstacles in the path of others; our actions or our words don't help people to see your presence in the world and in their lives. Sometimes, we turn away from you, O God, our source of forgiveness and comfort. God, please forgive us.

(A time of Silent Prayer)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"Alleluia"

#186

+ + +

~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204

Sending Forth

L: May you know God's peace in words and ways of comfort, and may you always show God's peace in words and ways of comfort.

All: May God's peace and hope shine in all the world. Amen.

Closing Song "Shalom To You" #666

+ + +

Bringing the Light Into the World

Candle Lighting Liturgy, Prayer of Confession,
Offertory Prayer, and Sending Forth:
From *Seasons of the Spirit Fusion*

Lectionary Readings

Psalm 85: 1-2,8-13

2 Peter 3: 8-15a