

Gathering Music

Praise Band
 Prepare Ye The Way
 I've Got Peace Like a River
 TFWS 2145

Ringing of the Bells

Dean Brown
We would be grateful if you would fill out the pew pad (with contact information) and let us know you are here this morning. After you have signed in, please pass the pew pad down the aisle. We are so glad you are here!

***Opening Song**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
 UMH 203

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jo Ann

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Lighting our Advent Wreath: Peace

Tyler, Heather, Beau, Liam, and Graham Brinkman

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-3 (CEV)

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king. The Spirit of the Lord will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the Lord. His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord.

Response: May these words of prophecy, promise, and preparation encourage us to steadfast love and action.

We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

O Come O Come Immanuel v2**Children's Time: finding a home for Christmas - Dasher****Ministry News**

Jan Southard

Prayer of Dedication

Giving God, who was, and is, and is to come, we bring before you our gifts. We offer them as a sign of our devotion and love for you and the mission to which you have called us. Bless and use these gifts so that others will come to know the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offering***Doxology****Chancel Choir: I Come to the Stable****Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12**

Carolyn Almond

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' " Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation**

Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming
 UMH 216

Message: Peace Does Not Mean Silent

Pastor Jo Ann

Communion

UMH 13

In the United Methodist Church we celebrate an Open Table. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to join us, we hope you will.

***Closing Song**

At Your Name

***Benediction**

**Please stand as you are able*

Ministry News

For those in a season of grief, worry, or anxiety, the holidays can be difficult. The Longest Night worship service is a place where people can name the darkness that they feel and remember that even if they don't feel full of Christmas cheer, the Christ Child is born for them, too. Tanna Engdahl will be our guest speaker. This service will help you find light in the darkness and peace in the turmoil. All are welcome.

Come join your church family for a night with the Winterhawks on **December 10th**. Tickets are \$15. There is a sign up sheet on the Ministry News table. Please let us know if you plan on joining us!

Children's Christmas Pageant dress rehearsals:
December 10th immediately after church
December 17th at 3pm (*please note the time change*)

Church Meetings:

Congregational Care meets Tuesdays at 10 am.

Wednesday studies:

1 pm - Women of the Bible - In the Fireside Room
7 pm - Jesus' Alternative Plan - Zoom

Stewardship Update

Budgeted income per month: \$21,783
November total: \$16,139.53
Batwa ID Kits: \$1,200 (matched by One Day's Wages)

A special Thank You to our:

Musicians: Jennifer Bohn-Hodapp, Bob Southard
Mike Loring, Jon Detchman, and Craig Stockhaus

Children's Ministry Director: Megan Schlegel

Assistant: Dale Castle

Nursery: Katelyn Mathis

AV: Billy Yaddof, Meghan Green

Flower Team: Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond,
Mieko Heriford, Barb Pfeifer, Patti Novak, Cora Brown

All others that help to make Sunday service
a *joyous* experience.

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Schaadt pastorjoann2017@gmail.com 509-770-3760
Children's Ministries	Megan Schlegel and Dale Castle ridgefieldumckids@gmail.com
Office Manager	Megan Schlegel / 360-887-8312 ridgefieldmethodist@gmail.com
Prayer Chain	Carey Siegmund / txt 360-901-2515 ridgefieldmethodistprayers@gmail.com
Choir Director	Jennifer Bohn-Hodapp
Office hours	Monday - Thursday 9am to 2 pm
Email	ridgefieldmethodist@gmail.com
Phone	360-887-8312
Website	ridgefieldumc.com



December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent
10:00am