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WELCOME





Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open, and from whom nothing is hidden, help us see your light that shines in the darkness. Then we will have hope and not lose faith. That hope, that you alone inspire, will give us the courage and faith to face and overcome life's trials and tribulations. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE





RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's light penetrates the darkness, reassuring us that He has not forgotten us.



Jesus is the Light of the world.

Because of Him, there is hope for those living in darkness.

Because of Him forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, and restoration are possible.

Our hope is in the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth.

Praise God for the possibility of new beginnings.





OPENING
HYMN GTG
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In the beginning, was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Jesus is the Word.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through Him, all things were made, and without Him, nothing was made that has
been made.

**In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**





Please join me in the morning prayer of confession.

CALL TO CONFESSION





Blessed are you, o God, Ruler of the universe, creator of Light and darkness. In this holy season, when sunlight yields early moving out of the way for the growing darkness of night, you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendor of your glory, made flesh and visible among us, in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, your Son - Light of the world. Through the prophets, you teach us to hope for his reign of peace. Through the outpouring of your Spirit, you give sight to our souls, that we may see your presence in Christ. Strengthen us where we are weak, support us in our efforts to do your will, and free our tongues to sing your praise, for to you all honor and blessing are due, now and forever. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION





The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of the Lord Jesus and in accordance with Scripture, God hears the prayers of the righteous and responds.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON





RESPONSIVE READING OF JOHN 1: 14-17





And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John testified about Him and called out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who is coming after me has proved to be my superior because He existed before me.’”

For of His fullness, we have all received, and grace upon grace.

For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.





PASSING
THE
PEACE



1. Beginning this evening, you are invited to join our Advent study that begins at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. ***Advent in Plain Sight***, by Jill Duffield, is the devotional guide we will use. ***Scripture Reference***: Genesis 28:1-5, 10-22. The Lesson title is: ***Gates of Heaven***
2. On December 11, you are invited to join UPC's Annual Caroling event, spearheaded by the Outreach Committee.





PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION



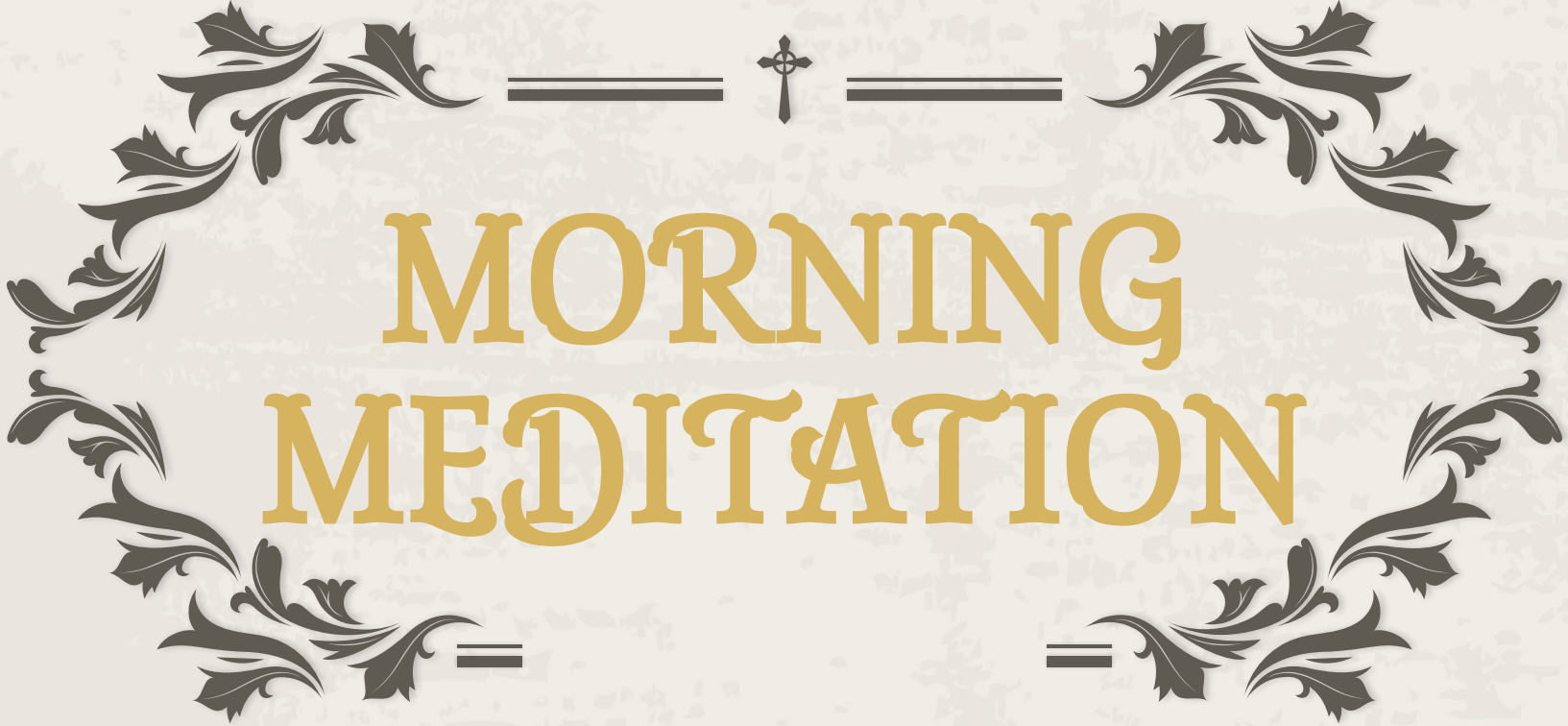
SERMONIC TEXT JOHN 1: 29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”





MORNING MEDITATION





CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP



PRAYERS OF
THE PEOPLE



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



CLOSING HYMN

GTG # 384

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Soon, And Very Soon

A. G.

ANDRÉAS CHOUX

1. Soon and ver-y soon, we are goin' to see the King, Soon and
2. No more cry-ing there, we are goin' to see the King, No more

ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King; Soon and ver-y soon
cry-ing there, we are goin' to see the King; No more dy-ing there,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Soon, And Very Soon'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with a third line of lyrics. The music is in a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor).



May the peace of Christ that surpasses human understanding
rest, rule, and abide in your heart.

BENEDICTION





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POSTLUDE -
Angels from the Realm
of Glory

