

The Altar flowers today are given by  
Lori Turnage in loving memory of Bruce  
Turnage and by David Clark in loving  
memory of Renee Prohm

Would you like to purchase flowers for a special Sunday?

Call the church office to place your order.

**The cost is \$20 per vase.**

### **Outreach**

#### **Loose Change**

These donations will go towards missions.

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### **DEADLINES**

Items for the **Prayer List** are due by the end of business hours on Wednesday  
of each week.

**Be sure to submit no later than Wednesday prior to desired posting for  
The Weekly Messenger.**

**Send those requests to Rachelle Heldt at: [rachelle@uticaumc.org](mailto:rachelle@uticaumc.org)**

**Information received after the deadlines will be added the following week.**



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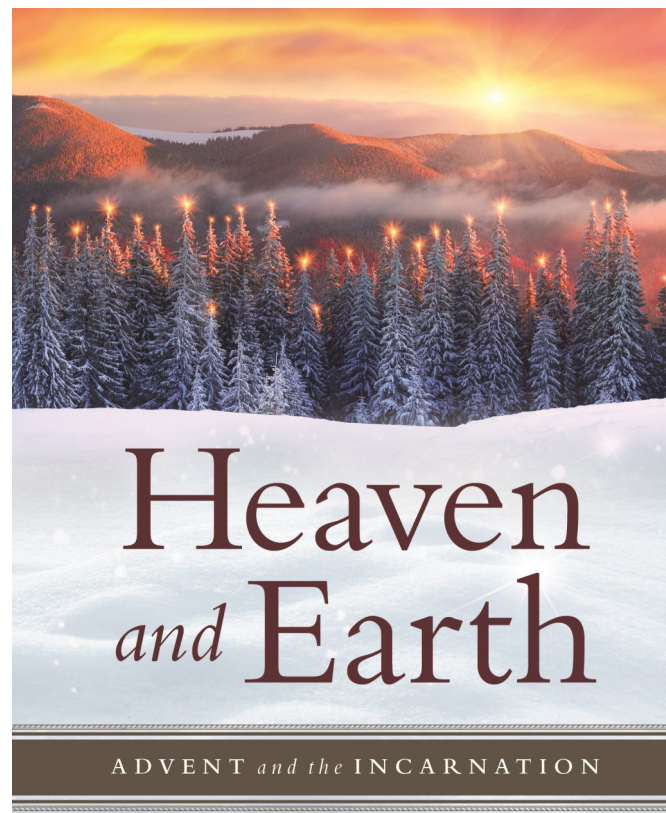
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**"We've Only Just Begun"**



## **December 3, 2023**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**



**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                      **“Lift Up Your Heads”**  
   *The Gosbells*

**\*Advent Reading and Candlelighting**  
   Melanie Kuzia and Emily Corritore

**\*Opening Hymn**    **“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”**  
   UMC Hymnal #108

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**    **See Screen**

**Scripture Lesson**                      **2 Peter 3:8-15a**                      **See Screen**  
   Pew Bible Page 1206

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory**                                      **“People Look East”**  
   *The Gosbells*

**\*Doxology**    **UMC Hymnal 94**

**\*Song of Preparation**    **“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”**  
   UMC Hymnal #215

**\*New Testament Lesson**                      **Mark 1:1-8**                      **See Screen**  
   Pew Bible Page 990

**Message**

**“Surprised”**  
Rev. Don Gotham

**Communion**

**Song of Celebration**    **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**  
   UMC Hymnal #203 Vs.1

**\*Benediction**    **\*(Stand, if able)**

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<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Rev. Donald Gotham	586-731-7667
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<b>Organist, Bell, &amp; Chancel Choirs Director</b>	David Fox	586-457-0091
<b>Communications Director/Bookkeeper</b>	Rachelle Heldt	586-731-7667

**Assisting with Service Today**

**Organist**

David Fox

**Liturgist**

Laura Gotham

**Ushers**

Andrew Lawson    Geoff Pelton    Jim Price    Gary Taylor

**Prayer Ministry Team**

Debbie Pelton    Gail Potter

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