



*Service of
Remembrance
and Hope*

December 6, 2020 — 4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
135 West Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA

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Piano Prelude Karen Philp

Welcoming Remarks Pastor Denny

Responsive Reading Pastor Denny

Leader: In the midst of the festivities, shouts, and bright lights, we feel the darkness of our souls.

Response: Come, God of power and light, help us.

Leader: In the midst of the gatherings, we feel alone and forgotten.

Response: Come, God of peace and Hope, hear our cries.

Leader: In the midst of celebration, our hearts cry out.

Response: Lord , hear us and come to us.....bring us peace.

Hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel" Sarah Pugh and Karen Philp

Scripture Reading/Opening Prayer/Introduce Patti Pastor Denny

Message Patti Vogl

Candlelighting

We light four candles tonight in remembrance of our loved ones. We light these candles for our own needs. We light one for our grief, one for our courage, one for our memories, and one for our love.

Candle 1: This candle represents our Grief. We own the pain of losing loved ones, of dreams that go unfulfilled, of hopes that evaporate with sadness.

Candle 2: This candle represents our courage. It symbolizes the courage to confront our sorrow, to comfort each other, to share our feelings honestly and openly with each other, and to dare to hope in the midst of pain.

Candle 3: This candle represents our memories. For the times we laughed together, cried together, were angry at each other or overjoyed with each other. We light this candle for the memories of caring and joy we shared together.

In gratitude, we wish to acknowledge
and thank those who participated in
this special service:

Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Rev. John Shellenberger
Patti Vogl
Sarah Pugh
Karen Philp
Courtney Nuss
Janice Bowen
Debbie Karns
Marilyn Donak
Nancy Eddy
Sarah Jones
Merri Shellenberger
Roger Walton
Jason Kichline

“Blessed are those who mourn, for
they will be comforted.”
(Matthew 5:4)