

Scripture**Matthew 3:1-12**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon**The World Is About to Turn**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Week 2: Burning Hope**Sermon Response****Canticle of the Turning** (refrain)

Rory Cooney

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Prayer of the People

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Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

To You, Present Lord—Emmanuel—the One who is with us, we confess:

In hearing Your voice, we have closed our ears.

In sensing Your leading, we have turned away.

In feeling Your presence, we have hidden from You.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

We have sinned in closing:

Our hands to the hungry, poor, and needy.

Our hearts to the hurting and hopeless.

Our love and lives to our neighbors.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Good and Merciful Shepherd, we ask:

Snatch us from our sin.

Guide us into Your love.

Lead us in paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake. Amen.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Offering

You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.

You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website

and click "Make your online offering."

Hymn*You'll Come**

see songsheet

Today's flowers are given in memory of Grace Gibbs by Rusty and Lisa Smith.

This morning we welcome flutist **Kendra Craven!** Kendra recently retired from the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own", where she served for 26 years. She holds degrees from Lawrence University and The University of North Texas. Kendra lives in Alexandria with her husband and 2 children and currently teaches and freelances in the area.

Opening prayer written by Rev. Susan A. Blain, in To Dream God's Dream: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Advent

"You'll Come"

words and music by Brooke Ligertwood

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Worship Activity

You are invited to listen to the anthem or use the time while you wait for communion to do this activity.

What are the things that give you hope and joy? What things do you repent from?

You are invited to write down some things that bring you joy or for which you want to repent.

Thank you, God, for these things that give me joy: _____

God, I repent and ask for your forgiveness for these things: _____
