

# Today's Scripture Reading



## Hebrews 9<sup>15-28</sup>

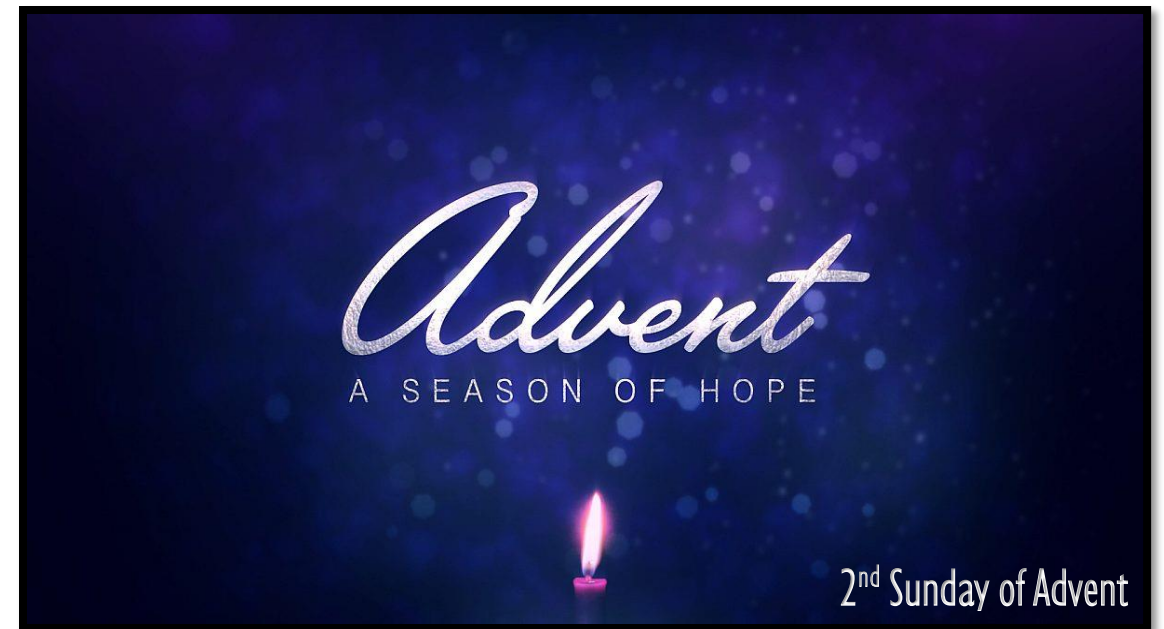
For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. Where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Hence not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.



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### DIGITAL CONNECTIONS



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# Order of Worship

<b>Prelude</b>		Pianist
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>		Liturgist
<b>Opening Song</b>	“Cradle Song”	Organist
✝ <b>Lighting the Advent Wreath</b>		CUMC family
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	UMH #230
✝ <b>Opening Prayer</b>		Liturgist
✝ <b>Lifting Joys &amp; Concerns in Prayer</b>		Pastor Rodgers
<b>Prayer Song</b>	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	UMH #496
<b>Lifting Prayers</b>		Pastor Rodgers
<b>Lord’s Prayer</b>		UMH #895
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Hebrews 9 <sup>15-28</sup>	Liturgist
<b>Children’s Message</b>		Pastor Rodgers
✝ <b>Special Music</b>	“A Tiny Child Will Come”	Chancel Choir
<b>Message</b>		Pastor Rodgers
<b>Doxology &amp; Offertory Prayer</b>		#94/Liturgist
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 3&4)	UMH #211
✝ <b>Closing Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>		Pastor Rodgers
<b>Postlude</b>		Organist/Pianist

# Lighting the Advent Wreath

**Reader One:** The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God’s coming salvation. “For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness” (Malachi 3:2b-3).

**Congregation:** In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.

**Reader Two:** We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God’s kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

## WEEKLY COLBY UMC ACTIVITIES

SUN @ 9:00 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUN @ 9:00 AM	FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR
WED @ 10:15 AM	HELPING PAWS
THURS @ 8:00 AM	MEN’S BREAKFAST (MOKAS)
THURS @ 12:30 PM	BIBLE STUDY
THURS @ 9:00 AM	QUILTING GROUP

## PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

DAY OFF: MONDAY  
 OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI: 9-12PM  
 AFTERNOONS: PASTORAL VISITATION  
 SATURDAY: REQUESTED VISITATION

## LAST WEEK

ATTENDANCE: 79  
 GENERAL OFFERING: \$3,559  
 WEEKLY NEED: \$6,670

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS

RAISED TO DATE: \$300,000  
 GOAL: \$300,000

**Pianist:** Dr. Philip Shuman  
**Organist:** Jo Kraus  
**Special Music:** Chancel Choir directed by Dr. Philip Shuman

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