

DECEMBER 3, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

*LORD JESUS, MASTER OF BOTH THE LIGHT AND THE DARKNESS, SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT UPON US AS WE WORSHIP THIS ADVENT SEASON. WE HAVE SO MUCH TO DO AND SEEK QUIET SPACES TO HEAR YOUR VOICE EACH DAY, WE ARE ANXIOUS OVER MANY THINGS LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMING AMONG US.
AMEN.*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH BY JERRY AND CHERYL WAUGH
WITH O COME, O COME EMMANUEL-UMH 211 VERSE 1**

***SONGS OF PRAISE: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

CHORAL ANTHEM CROSSROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH KYRA DEMOSS

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

***A SONG OF PREPARATION: COME, THOU LONG- EXPECTED JESUS
UMH 196**

SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 33:14-16 (NRSV)

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?
Yes, we believe It.

MESSAGE : SEEDS OF HOPE REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

MAY YOU KNOW THAT THE GOD OF COMFORT IS WITH YOU.

AND MAY YOU SEE THE GOD OF HOPE WITH YOU.

OPEN WIDE OUR ANXIOUS HEARTS!

WE OPEN THEM TO GOD'S PEACE.

LET US GIVE THANKS AND SHARE OUR JOY.

IN THIS SPACE AND TIME, WE OFFER GOD OUR LOVE AND PRAISE.

PASTOR CONTINUES.....

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*FOR THE NOURISHMENT OF SPIRIT,
MIND, AND BODY,
FOR HOPE THAT WE BEGIN TO SEE,
AND FOR COMFORT FROM THE PRINCE OF PEACE,
WE SHARE OUR GRATITUDE, GRACIOUS GOD.
ENCOURAGE US IN THESE SHORTENED DAYS.
THROUGH THE LONG NIGHTS OF THIS SEASON,
MAY YOUR HOPE CARRY US UNTIL DAWN ARRIVES AGAIN. AMEN.*

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

***DOXOLOGY**

**(to the tune of Infant Holy, Infant Lowly):
Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three-In-One.
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,
as we glory in your Presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

***A SONG OF INVITATION: EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL UMH 204
(2 TIMES)**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

***BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for Coffee in the Conference Room.

Dec. 10 Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland, Emma Walters

17: Bobbi Michael, Nicki Osburn, Myra Davis

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sunday School: immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video series "Max on Life" by Max Lucado.

Children's Christmas Play Practice is on Wednesday's at 5pm or during Wednesday Night Kids at 6:30 pm. Please see Diane Varnum if you wish to participate. The Christmas Play is on Sunday, December 17 during our worship service.

Food Pantry: Through the month of December we will be collecting cereal, ramen noodles, boxes of chips, oats, spaghetti, rice, and puddings/Jello for the food pantry.

Light Up Night : Monday, December 4 from 3-5pm, with the tree lighting at 4:30 pm. Please see Pastor Dustin if you can volunteer to help.

Our Advent Study will begin on Wednesday, December 6 during our evening Bible Study.

Our Blue Christmas Service will take place on Thursday, December 21 at 11am.

Christmas Services will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 10am and 4pm.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

December : 6 Ranch Pork, Jello, compliments of Julie & Sue

13 ??? Compliments of Martha

Angel Tree: The return date for Angel Tree gifts is December 10. Please adhere to the gift limits as some families have multiple children: \$25.00 for clothing gift and \$25.00 for toy (or other gift).

Please write YOUR name and phone number as well as the CODE # and CHILD'S name on the sign up sheet. Please put the gifts in gift bags as they are easier to deliver.

Finance Fundraiser: There are still envelopes available to take for the Fundraiser. All money goes to the General Fund. Pick an envelope. The number on the envelope is the amount you will give to the budget. You may take more than one envelope.

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To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: New-born to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOEL BY CARRIE McCUNE WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP BY JADYN BYRON

L: GOD COMES! SO DON'T LET GO OF ALL THE REASONS TO REJOICE.

P: WE WILL SING A SONG OF ADVENT TO THE ONE WHO FILLS OUR LIVES WITH JOY.

L: GOD COMES! SO DON'T STOP LIFTING YOUR PRAYERS WITH THANKSGIVING.

P: WE WILL SING A SONG OF ADVENT, TO THE ONE WHO HEARS OUR WORDS AND SILENCE.

L: GOD COMES! SO DON'T STOP GIVING YOUR HEARTS TO GOD.

P: WE WILL SING A SONG OF ADVENT TO THE ONE WHO GRACES US WITH A PEACE WE CANNOT BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND.

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