

December 3, 2017  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Today's Theme:** We lift up and remember those who came before us, those who made sacrifices that we may know and may worship our God. Remembering how they lived their lives in ways that helped to shape our faith and offer witness to their faith.

**PRELUDE** Cathie Cordis  
"Joseph Dearest" - arr. Joseph Mine-- Traditional German Carol

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jona Tickle  
*Please sign the registration pad that is in your pew. Thank you.*

**OPENING VIDEO:** "It All Started Here"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Red Hymnal 196  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vss 1&2)

**\*LIGHTING CHRIST CANDLES**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Awake, people of God and stay alert for Christ is coming. Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

**ALL: Make your ways known to us, O God. Show us once more your awesome presence.**

ONE: We are all God's people; no one is excluded. Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

**ALL: Let the mountains quake before you, mighty God. Let the nations tremble in awe and reverence.**

ONE: Praise the One who grants us the gift of life. Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

**ALL: Heaven and Earth will pass away, but the Word of God is true for all times and places.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Alan  
Amid threatening clouds of anger and selfish strife, come O God, to bright light. Into our days of worry and anxiety, send a confident hope. Enrich us with spiritual gifts that transcend disappointments and spill out in generous compassion for all your suffering children. Meet us today where we are so we may be equipped for trials yet to come and for joys yet to be revealed. In Jesus' name. Amen!

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Red Hymnal 202  
"People Look East" (vss 1-4)

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SPECIAL MOMENTS:**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle/Candle of Hope  
"Light the Advent Candle" (vs. 1) Black Hymnal 2090

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Pastor Alan

**OFFERTORY** Cathie Cordis  
"Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" - 17th Century French Carol

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**BLESSING** Pastor Alan

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** Black Hymnal 2152  
"Change My Heart, O God"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Pastor Alan

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Unison

We have accused you of hiding from us, when the truth is we have allowed our sins to separate us from you and in our shame, we are the ones who run from you. Rather than admitting we have failed and are powerless without your involvement in our lives; we close our eyes to you, we cover our ears; and we fill our minds and lives with clutter and constant noise. O God, we long for that loving community in which your reign is acknowledged and your purposes are served. Move us to that place we pray. Amen

**HYMN OF PRAYER** Red Hymnal 139  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (vss 1&5)  
*Silent Prayer as music continues*

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Pastor Alan

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** Pastor Alan

**LORD'S PRAYER** Red Hymnal 895

**\*SCRIPTURE** **Isaiah 63:1-9 & Mark 13: 24-37**

**MINISTRY IN MUSIC** FUMC Singers  
"When Morning Dawns" - Joseph M. Martin

**MESSAGE** Pastor Alan  
"The Gift of Hope"

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION** Red Hymnal 13

**HYMN OF INVITATION** Red Hymnal 382  
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (vss 1&3)

**CLOSING PRAYER** Unison

Child of humankind, born of God, reveal to us once more the power and glory which claims us all. Let your Word make its impact within and among us that we may accept your mission for us and enlist all our efforts in watchful service. Come to reign among us and rule in every heart. Amen

**\*CLOSING CHORUS** Words on Screen  
"Adore"

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH** Pastor Alan  
Pastor: And all God's Children say...  
**All: AMEN!**

**POSTLUDE** Cathie Cordis  
"Deck the Halls" - Old Welsh Carol

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|                                  |                       |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Sun                              | Dec 3                 | <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES</b>   |  |
|                                  | 9:15 am               | <b>Deep Blue: Children's Bible Voyage</b>                                    | Children's Area/Upstairs               |
|                                  |                       | <i>All children 5 years of age through Grade 4th are invited to join us.</i> |  |
|                                  | 9:15 am               | <b>Submerge: Tweens Sunday School</b>  | Youth Area/Upstairs                    |
|                                  |                       | <i>All youth Grades 5th through 8th are invited to join us.</i>              |  |
|                                  | 9:30 am               | <b>Re-Form: Youth Sunday School</b>  | Fellowship Hall/Downstairs             |
|                                  |                       | <i>All youth Grades 9th through 12th are invited to join us.</i>             |  |
|                                  | 9:30 am               | <b>Adult Sunday School Classes</b>   | Main Floor                             |
|                                  |                       | <i>Seeker's Sunday School Class</i>  | Memorial Chapel                        |
|                                  |                       | <i>Disciple's Sunday School Class</i>  | Parlor                                 |
| Sun                              | Dec 3                 | 10:30 am   | <b>Worship</b>                         |
| Sun                              | Dec 3                 | 5:00 pm  | <b>Youth Group</b> (meal provided)     |
|                                  |                       | <b>Welcoming Team</b> - Steve Craven, Mary Beth Craven & Gerald Chambers     |  |
|                                  |                       | <b>Nursery Volunteers</b> - Kay Davis, Penny Hurley                          |  |
|                                  |                       | <b>Acolytes</b> - Luke Hubbard, Braddock McKnight                            |  |
| Mon                              | Dec 4                 | 6:00pm   | <b>Cub Scouts</b>                      |
| Mon                              | Dec 4                 | 7:00pm   | <b>Sisters in Faith-Women's Study</b>  |
| Mon                              | Dec 4                 | 6:30pm   | <b>Ground Hog Planning Meeting</b>     |
| Mon                              | Dec 4                 | 7:00pm   | <b>Board of Trustees</b>               |
| <b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS</b> |                       |  |  |
|                                  | DeWade Reimers, Chair | Nolan Scheihing  | Todd Johnson                           |
|                                  | Holly Rice            | Bob Martin   | Mike Patel                             |
|                                  | Lawrence Buckley      | Linda Hendren  |  |
| Wed                              | Dec 6                 | 5:30 pm  | <b>Girl Scouts</b>                     |
| Wed                              | Dec 6                 | 7:00pm   | <b>Choir Practice</b>                  |
| Wed                              | Dec 6                 | 7:00pm   | <b>Living Disciples-Wesleyan Study</b> |
| Wed                              | Dec 6                 | 8:30am   | <b>Holy Grounds-Coffee &amp; Study</b> |
| Sun                              | Dec 10                | 9:30 am  | <b>Sunday School</b>                   |
|                                  |                       | <b>Welcoming Team</b> - Michael Person, Bob Martin & Joyce Martin            |  |
|                                  |                       | <b>Nursery Volunteers</b> - Deanna Davenport & Denae Davenport               |  |
|                                  |                       | <b>Acolytes</b> - Trevor Norrid & Junior Lum                                 |  |
| Sun                              | Dec 10                | 5:00 pm  | <b>Youth Group</b> (meal provided)     |
| Sun                              | Dec 17                | 11:45 am   | <b>Church Fellowship Meal</b>          |
| Sun                              | Dec 17                | 7:00 pm  | <b>Movie Night "Nativity"</b>          |
| Mon                              | Dec 18                | 6:30 pm  | <b>Finance Committee</b>               |
| Mon                              | Dec 18                | 7:00 pm  | <b>Council Committee</b>               |
| Mon                              | Dec 18                | 7:00 pm  | <b>Boy Scout Awards</b>                |

### We Offer Our Prayers

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Christy Barker; Carol; Willene Evans; Bev Kalman; Tracy Skinner; Cona Wilkerson; Family of Jennifer Briggs (granddaughter of Kenneth and Jane Mitchell); Kayla Eldridge (co-worker of Bob Martin); Jeanne Allen Prince (friend of Connie Johnson); Kristen Burrows; Hannah Acker (niece of Lawrence Buckley); Rev. Marvin Nelson (former FUMC pastor); Russell Storm (friend of Charles & Marilyn Jarred); Bobbye Van Horn (Mother of Ben Fantasia); Leroy Fantasia (Brother of Ben Fantasia); Shelby Gardner (Granddaughter of Ben & Tracey Fantasia); Larry Miller (Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Wilson); Steve Craven; Delbert & Mary Jo Maker (Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nelda Brown); Tonia Byers (Co-worker of Toni Scheihing); Mary Beth Craven; Gerald Chambers; Nolan Scheihing; Pastor Alan Nagel; Hazel May (new Granddaughter of Bob & Joyce Martin); Delma Ward; Mary Gaudreau

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jared Martin - U.S. (Son of Bob and Joyce Martin); Angela Owens - Virginia (Daughter of Mitch and Diane Owens); Kevin Wade - Japan (Son-in-Law of Scott & Linda Hendren)

**CARE RESIDENTS:** Darlene Mitchell (Golden Age); Eva Carolyn Schlemmer (Willow Creek); Richard Watts (Willow Creek); Jack Stroup (Willow Creek); Darrell & Ernestine Dilks (Touchmark, Edmond); Evelyn Newman (Brookdale on Danforth); Marilyn Jarred (Golden Age)  
Please call the church office to add or delete a name from the prayer list: 282-4297

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Sunday School: 9:30am • Sunday Worship: 10:30am

**Rev. Alan Nagel, Senior Pastor**

Jona Tickle, Music Director • Linda Balsiger, Organist • Cathie Cordis, Pianist

### Our Mission

*"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"*

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