

**December 24, 2016 ~ Christmas Eve  
Candlelight and Holy Communion Service**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE** Cathie Cordis

"Come, Lord, As the Babe" - by Edward Broughton

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES** Brooklyn & Dakota High

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Robert Rose

*Please sign the registration pad that is in your pew. The last person in each pew is requested to fold the registration sheet and place it in the offering plate. If someone arrives after the registration pad is passed, please allow them to sign it as well. Thank you.*

**LIGHTING ADVENT WREATH** The Davenport Family

**FAMILY:** The first Advent candle was lit as a symbol of **expectation.**

**PEOPLE:** **May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.**

**FAMILY:** The second Advent candle was lit as a symbol of **proclamation.**

**PEOPLE:** **May the word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.**

**FAMILY:** The third Advent candle was lit as a symbol of **joy.**

**PEOPLE:** **May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.**

**FAMILY:** The fourth Advent candle was lit as a symbol of **purity.**

**PEOPLE:** **May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, purify us that we may be ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel!**

**ADVENT WREATH HYMN** Red Hymnal No. 211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 7)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Rose

**LEADER:** Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people.

**PEOPLE:** **To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** Red Hymnal No. 234

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

**OPENING PRAYER** The Congregation

**God, of endless peace, bless us with the great light of your love and grace. Grant us your peace and hope, as we sing of your glory and rejoice in the birth of your Son. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

*written by Mary J. Scifres*

**HYMN** Red Hymnal No. 240

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**CALL TO OFFERING** Rev. Rose

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
*Isaiah 9:6*

**MINISTRY IN MUSIC** Jona Tickle & Cathie Cordis

"O Wondrous Night" - arr. by Joseph M. Martin

**\*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**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Rev. Rose

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-20 (pgs. 832-833) Rev. Rose

**LEADER:** The Word of God, for the people of God.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE** Rev. Rose

"Through Children's Eyes"

**WE RECEIVE WITH THANKSGIVING  
THE GIFT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE** Rev. Rose

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** The Congregation

**When we are afraid, comfort us with your presence.  
When we are weak, support us with your strength.  
When we are lost and confused, guide us with your wisdom and counsel.**

**When we are alone, draw us closer to you, that we may recognize your presence.**

**Grant us your forgiveness and grace, O Prince of Peace, that in blessed hope, we may know your endless peace. Amen** *by Mary J. Scifres*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Rev. Rose

Do not be afraid! God has good news for us -- wonderful, joyous news for all people.

The Savior has been born for us -- in our world, in our lives, in our hearts.

This is Christ the Lord, who brings forgiveness and peace.  
*written by Mary J. Scifres*

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (p. 13) Rev. Rose

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** The Congregation

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP** Rev. Rose

*Tonight, we will be receiving Holy Communion by intinction. There will be two stations to serve you. Please wait for our ushers to invite you to the front. All are invited to share in Holy Communion, regardless of your church affiliation. We believe that this is Christ's table and Christ invites all to come.*

**WE SHARE THE LIGHT**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

*To minimize the damage and discomfort from melted candle wax, once your candle is lit, continue to hold it upright. To light your candle, hold it at a right angle to the burning candle.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** FUMC Singers

"A Christmas Blessing" - by Lloyd Larson

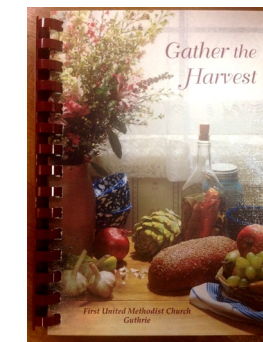
*The congregation will be invited to join the choir in singing "Silent Night."*

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Rose

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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**COOKBOOKS  
for  
CHRISTMAS**

**\$15 each**

Stop by the church office and buy  
a few!

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**ANNUAL GROUND HOG DINNER!!!**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 2, 2017  
**LOCATION:** Logan County Fairgrounds Building  
**SERVING TIMES:** (11:00am - 1:00pm) & (5:00pm - 7:00pm)  
**ADULT'S PRICE:** \$10.00  
**CHILDREN'S PRICE:** \$5.00 - 10yrs and under

**To purchase tickets in advance call the church office 282-4297**

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

### Given in Honor or Memory By:

The Buckley & Scheihing Families  
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 Lawrence & Doreen Buckley  
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 Nelda Brown  
 Kay Carter and Larry Carter  
 Yvonne Harris  
 Scott & Linda Hendren  
 Scott & Linda Hendren  
 Charles & Marilyn Jarred  
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 Todd & Connie Johnson  
 Jim and Ardell Morton  
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 Mitchell and Diane Owens  
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 DeWade & Beverly Reimers  
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 Robert, Kathryn and Bryan Rose  
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 Beverly Sykes  
 Jillian Sykes, Greyson and Sissy  
 Shirley Crume, Kelley Crume  
 Jillian Sykes & Beverly Sykes  
 Jillian Sykes & Beverly Sykes  
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 Bobby & Bobbi Thompson  
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 Joe and Sheryl Underwood  
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### Given in Honor or Memory Of:

Bennie Dutcher  
 Glen Craven  
 Doris Dutcher  
 Dora Buckley  
 Jameel N. Alkadhimi  
 Rev. Delbert Carter  
 Jack E. Harris  
 Scott & Martha Hendren  
 Vernon & Genevieve Bale  
 Roy & Pearl Jarred  
 Marion & Jo Shellhammer  
 Charles Dornbrack  
 Jim and Florence Morton  
 Guy and Velma Peck  
 Mr. & Mrs. Owens  
 Mr. & Mrs. Smith  
 Marion & Marie Jessee  
 Cleo Reimers  
 Elizabeth "Betty" DeLong  
 Ray DeLong  
 Audrey Rose  
 Marley and Vada Smith  
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 Jeweletta Huddleston  
 Jewell Sykes Payne  
 Bobby Sykes  
 Charles Place  
 Claudie Thompson  
 Jean Place Hore  
 Aliene Anderson  
 Shirley Stark  
 Whitney Underwood

## OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### We invite you to join us for Sunday School!

9:15 am **Deep Blue: Children's Sunday School** Children's Area/Upstairs  
*All children 5 years of age through Grade 4th are invited to join us.*  
 9:15 am **Submerge: Youth Sunday School** Youth Area/Upstairs  
*All youth Grades 5th through 8th are invited to join us.*  
 9:30 am **Re:Form: Youth Sunday School** Fellowship Hall/Downstairs  
*All youth Grades 9th through 12th are invited to join us.*  
 9:30 am **Adult Youth Sunday School Classes** Main Floor

### You are invited to worship with us!

10:30 am **Worship** Sanctuary

### Are you looking for a Bible Study?

Wed, Jan 4 1:30 pm **Exodus Bible Study (Ex. 10)** Parlor  
 Wed, Jan 4 7:00 pm **Exodus Bible Study (Ex. 10)** Parlor  
 Thu, Jan 12 7:00 pm **Overview of the New Testament** Parlor

### Do you love to sing?

Wed, Jan 4 7:00 pm **Choir Practice** Sanctuary

### NURSERY

Our nursery is open but unattended—parents must remain with their children. If you have a need for the nursery, please talk to our pastor.

## We Offer Our Prayers

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Family of Kathleen Kincaid; Christy Barker; Carol Patterson (Sister-in-Law of Jim & Wanda Patterson); Willene Evans; Bev Kalman; Tracy Skinner; Cona Wilkerson; Family of Jennifer Briggs (granddaughter of Kenneth and Jane Mitchell); Keith Thomas (co-worker of Bob Martin); Doris Martin (mother of Bob Martin); Pauline Gates; Barbara Gumerson (friend of Nancy Dye); Jeanne Allen Prince (friend of Connie Johnson); Kristen Burrows; Molly Jenkins (neighbor of Orval & Judith Balsiger); Hannah Acker (niece of Lawrence Buckley); Roger Morain; Rev. Marvin Nelson (former FUMC pastor); Stewart Morrey; Becky Morrey; Neil Stewart (family of Bobbi Thompson); 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); Kayla Eldredge

**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); Wanda Patterson (Touchmark, Edmond); Evelyn Newman (Brookdale on Danforth)

Please call the church office to add or delete a name from the prayer list: 282-4297.  
 If you see any corrections that need to be made, please call 282-4297.

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

Rev. Robert E. Rose, Jr., Pastor

Jona Tickle, Music Director • Linda Balsiger, Organist • Cathie Cordis, Pianist  
 Julie Bierne, Administrative Assistant • Cameron Johnson, Custodian

# Guthrie First United Methodist Church

Celebrate

# Christmas



## Our Mission

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

**December 24, 2016**