

Birthdays...

10 Tara Sargent
13 Bev Salas
14 Ronia Klootwyk
15 Chris Mammen

Anniversaries...

12 James & Connie Manwarren
13 John & Shirley Schmidt

Attendance ...

12/01/19 118

Empowering

EFUMC Ministry...

General Fund	\$ 3,209.21
FLC Bldg Fund	\$ 500.00
Harvest Auction	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 3,759.21



If you have not turned in your Christmas gifts for the Giving Tree, please do so by tomorrow morning, so everything can be sorted and delivered. If you have questions contact Rosie Argabright at 712-852-3610.

This Week...

Sunday, December 8

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Confirmation

6:00 PM Boy Scouts in basement

Monday, December 9

4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks
4:30 PM Girls Scouts @Family Life Center

Tuesday, December 10

4:30 PM Just for Kix in basement
6:00 PM Intensified Prayer @War Room

Wednesday, December 11

1:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study @Emerald Oaks
3:30 PM 345 ALIVE in basement
5:30 PM Jr UMYF in basement
6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice in Sanctuary
6:30 PM Sr UMYF @Family Life Center
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting in Narthex
7:30 pm Admin Council Meeting in Narthex

Friday, December 13

**Office Closed*

9:30 AM Men's Prayer Group in the Library
12:00 PM Horizon's Bingo @Family Life Center

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Confirmation

**Sunday Brunch after Worship Service in Family Life Center*



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Advent Candle Lighting,
Call to Worship
and Opening Prayer
derived from:
Isaiah 11:1-10;
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19;
Romans 15:4-13;
Matthew 3:1-12

Liturgist
Marilyn Carlstrom
Organist
Rosemary Matthews
Pianist
Kelley Fog
Choir Director
Dave Fog
Bell Choir Director
Melanie Flynn
Computer Operator
Anderson Family

Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019, 10:00AM

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

When you see the [], people are invited to arise as able.*

*Hymns No. 57-734 are in the red hymnal (The United Methodist Hymnal),
2000's are in the black hymnal (The Faith We Sing).*

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader One:

Every journey faces the unknown. And anxiety can sometimes overwhelm us. There is too much to do; our lists are long; our calendars are filled up; we worry that something will go wrong, or we won't end up in the right place or take the right route. Getting lost is a real possibility on a journey. And yet. We claim hope for the journey, because we follow the one who will travel with us and sustain us on the way.

Reader Two:

Isaiah says that there is one who is to come who will be the fulfillment of all our hope. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on this one, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. We place our hope in this one.

Reader One:

We light the candles of peace and of hope to give us strength for the journey.

(Light two candles on the wreath.)

Reader Two: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace and hope.

All: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

**Come, Thou
Long-Expected Jesus**

For countless Christians around the world, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" signals the beginning of Advent.

It was first published in 1744 in Charles Wesley's Hymns for the Nativity of Our Lord, a little collection so popular that it was reprinted 20 times during Wesley's lifetime. Published in two eight-line stanzas, this hymn is now generally sung in the Advent season rather than during the nativity of Christ as the title of the collection indicates.

Although we live in a different time than Charles Wesley, the longings of people's hearts are just as deep. We long for security, love, relationships, meaning. To those who open themselves up to its message, this hymn identifies with that longing at the deepest levels of our existence. Where there is no longing, there can be little meaning. Hope is central to Christian experience.

And where will our longing, our hopeful waiting lead us? Where is the ultimate home of our hope? In the final line Wesley takes us there: "Raise us to thy glorious throne."

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

P: We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.

L: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

P: We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

L: Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

***OPENING HYMN**

196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of hope and encouragement,
we come in the midst of this season
of busyness and preparations:
to find a time and space to slow down,
to reflect on what our true preparations should be.
We need to prepare our hearts
to receive the gifts of love and hope.
We need to prepare our minds
to focus on your promise
that a messiah will come
and nothing will be the same.
We need to prepare our spirits:
to praise God for prophecy,
promises, and preparation;
to find hope and encouragement;
to find peace and joy.
May we do so now, in our time of worship. Amen.**

PRAISE & WORSHIP

"It's Christmas!" by Chris Tomlin

"Glory In the Highest" by Chris Tomlin

CHILDREN'S SERMON Brenda Gonzales

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

***SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 3,1-12**

¹ In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven Has Come Near"

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

95 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY**

***CLOSING HYMN**

230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

"God Is Good All the Time!"

In Our Prayers ...

Brandi Fehr
Loved ones of Donald Krough
Loved ones of Roger Hanish
Steve & Lynne Farnsworth
Karen Chism
Sharon Hobart
Jane Stevens
Devin Morey
Abby Burns
Deb Weir
Irene Goff
Florence Malm
Richard Henrichs
Will Farlow
Carol Ensley
Joyce Muller
Lincoln Coakley
(grandson of Joann Coakley)
Scott Sanne
(Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)
Philip Christenson
(brother of Marge Solberg)
Kort Freeman
Lois Lowman
Ted Strohman
Deb Nissen
(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)
Marjorie Solberg
Vi Sampson

**The families & loved ones of
members who passed away,
this past year including:*

Mardell Truog
Rick Jones
Daryl Underwood
Wayne Truog
Keith Bare
Gwen Carmichael
Bev Hankey
Vida Krough
Ethel DeJung
Shirley Weisbrod

**Those who have been
hospitalized
& our military members.*