

## ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

\* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*(Please respond where you see the print in bold.)*

O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You are a God of justice and peace, healing and comfort, but in our world we see all that is wrong.

We are often unable and unwilling to work together for our common good. We cannot see or hear each other even within our own families and communities.

**Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

Our world suffers, our nations are filled with conflict and violence. We cry out with longing for redemption.

**Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us the time will come that God will come into the world, bringing justice and peace, comfort and healing.

*The first Advent candle is lit.*

Let us pray: **Tear open the heavens, O God. Open our hearts and let your Word fall on our ears and fill our hearts as we worship you.**

\* HYMN NO. 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*During the singing of the hymn the paraments are placed on the pulpit and lectern.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* HYMN NO. 196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*During the singing of the hymn greenery will be added to the windows.*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:5-9

Pew Bible p. 911

\*Mark 13:28-37

Pew Bible p. 1236

\* HYMN NO. 202 “People, Look East”

*During the singing of the hymn poinsettias will be placed by the pulpit and lectern.*

SERMON

“When the Time Will Come”

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Liturgist: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and earnestly repent of their sin, therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
**and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.**

We all fade like a leaf,  
**and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.**

*Silence*

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

**We are the clay, and you are our potter;  
We are all the work of your hand.**

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
**And do not remember iniquity forever.**

As far as the East is from the West, so far does our God remove our transgressions from us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Glory to God, Amen.**

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The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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, and the power, and the glory forever.  
AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

\* HYMN NO. 203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

\* BENEDICTION

\* SONG OF BLESSING “Go Now in Peace” Price and Besig

Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all. If you wish to receive Communion in your seat, please tell an usher. If you prefer a gluten-free option, it is available on the right side.

The Advent wreath lighting, call to worship and confession are based on resources from umcdiscipleship.org.

**Lectionary for December 10**

**Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:10-15a; Mark 1:1-5**

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**Sunday, December 3**

**8:45 a.m. Contemporary:** Glenn Patterson

**8:45 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

**11:00 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

**Greeters:** Danny & Erin Ruble

**Acolytes:** Virginia Stockner and Josie Stockner

**Ushers for Traditional Worship:** Team Communion

**Offering Stewards:** Carter and Kate Garrett

**Flowers:** Poinsettias

**Sound:** Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

**Photographer:** Bobby Bolling

**Communion is observed in both Traditional Services**

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**8:45 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

**11:00 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

**Greeters:** Troy and Amanda Nichols

**Acolytes:** Elizabeth Nichols and Ainsley Richmond

**Ushers for Traditional Worship:** Team A

**Offering Stewards:** Frank and Carol Sims

**Children’s Church:** Brittani Clayman



*The rosebud today is in celebration of the birth of Cooper Andrew Lowe born on November 27.*

*Parents are Abbey and Steven Lowe. Grandparents are Mike and Sherrie Spiegler.*

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun.** Dec. 3 8:45 a.m. .... Contemporary Service  
 8:45 a.m. .... Traditional Service  
 9:45 a.m. .... Kidstuff  
 9:45 a.m. .... Adult Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. .... Youth Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. .... Traditional Service  
 5:30 p.m. Youth meet to go to the Speedway in Lights  
 6:00 p.m. .... Staff /Pastor-Parish Relations Meeting  
**Mon.** Dec. 4 7:10 a.m. .... Youth Breakfast Club at McDonald's  
 9:30 a.m. .... Response Circle at Feeding America  
**Tues.** Dec. 5 1:00 p.m. .... UMW Installation of Officers  
 6:30 p.m. .... Scouts  
**Wed.** Dec. 6 6:30 a.m. .... Men's Prayer Breakfast JMH  
 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Communion - Chapel  
 10:30 a.m. .... Faith Lift  
 5:15 p.m. .... Wonderful Wednesday Dinner  
 6:10 p.m. .... Bells  
 6:15 p.m. .... Advent Study *Faithful* in Chapel  
 6:15 p.m. .... Christmas Play rehearsal for kids  
 6:15 p.m. .... Youth Activity  
 7:00 p.m. .... Choir

**ADVENT AT AUMC**

December 13: The Children's Christmas Play at 6:30 p.m.  
 December 17: The Choir Cantata during the 11:00 a.m. Service  
 December 24: 10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols  
 (Pastries and fellowship at 9 a.m.)  
 7:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service  
 9:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve Service  
 December 31: 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service  
 (Appetizers and fellowship after the service)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The Executive Committee of the Abingdon UMW invite all women to an installation of officers on Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Vickie Mitoraj, Abingdon District UMW Vice-President will be the installing officer. Punch and cookies will be served afterwards.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to have a standing Reservation?: Yes

**MENU: Vegetable Soup, chicken noodle soup, baked potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches, salad, dessert. Krew #4**

**Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.**

**PRAYER LIST**

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any corrections, updates or additions you may have.

**New Requests:** Carol Brunty, June Smith

**Prayer List:** Bill Graves, Wanda Miller, Sue Ann Morris, Emily Peltzer, Jewel Rhea (Martha Little)

**Treatment Pending/Continuing:** Conner Bartz (Sandra Jonas), VT Carr, Rusty Cline, Dorothy DeBord, Marsha Demase, June Donch (Marsha Demase), Mike Ferrell, Ellee Large (Becky Matney), Ann Johnson (Kendall Johnson), French Moore, Jr., Audrey Salazar (Roger and Alta Edwards)

**Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities:** Harry Arnold, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Carol Hearl, Bob Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Annabelle Keener, Charlie Krum, Jan Thrasher, Mae Turner, Mary Ruth Vaught (Judy Casey's mother), Madge Via, Gene Widener, Millie Woody

**NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR 2018**

We will begin the process of collecting photos for our 2018 Church Directory. As before, we will ask you to submit your favorite family photo that we will collect now through the end of December. If you do not have a photo to submit, we will be taking photos in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School by a staff member. Submitted photos should be recent and it would be preferred that they be digital photos that can be emailed to [suzannerankin@abingdonumc.org](mailto:suzannerankin@abingdonumc.org). You can also submit a photo that we can scan.



You are invited to a celebration of  
**Penny Howard's 90th birthday**

Sunday, December 10, 2-4 pm

in the Church Fellowship Hall

No gifts, please.

RSVP to Susan Howard (276-356-4748) by December 3.

**JAIL MINISTRY FOR CHRISTMAS**

As we have done in the past, our church's Jail Ministry is supporting the Chaplain at the Abingdon Regional Jail in his efforts to make Christmas a bit more like Christmas for the jail's 850 inmates. Gifts may be dropped off outside of the church office. Questions may be directed to June Hagy 276-644-1097 or Roger Edwards 276-698-1349.

Approved Gift Items: Snack size candy bars – Milky Way, Twix, Snickers, Reese Cup; 15 oz. Suave shampoo (conditioner not accepted); bars of soap (body wash not accepted); 1.3 oz. toothpaste; postage stamps (to be used by inmates to mail Christmas cards)

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