

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3rd, 2023

10:00am

Prelude "Mary, Do You Know"

Lighting of the Advent Candles Jean Ann Lewis

"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." (Isaiah 60:2-3)

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Welcome

Introit Choir

Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.

People: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

L: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.

P: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

L: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.

P: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

L: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise.

P: Let us worship in the shocking hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Lee

Receiving of Offering

(You may use this QR code to make online offerings)



Offertory "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Praetorius

Doxology

#95

A Time of Prayer

Pastor Lee

(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)

Response: "Hear our prayer, O God"

Anthem

"As Mary Sleeps"
Choir

Gallina

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

"Advent(1) Prophecy"

Pastor Lee

Hymn

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

#618

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Hymn

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

#216

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude

"Chorus From Christmas Oratorio"

Bach

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Rita Harned, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Ramona Vaughn, Althea (Kay Cooper's friend), Ainsworth Brown, Joann & Tony Bolt, June Cain, Suzanne Abbott Ries, Pat McDowell, Joan Klingensmith.

WEEKLY REPORT

*Worship attendance November 26, 2023: 85 people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***BLOOD DRIVE** —In FUMC parking lot, 12/3(Sun) 9:45am-12:30pm.
- ***UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**—Unit meeting 12/5(Tue), 1pm.
- ***CHOIR**—Practice 12/5(Tue), 6pm.
- ***UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**—Lunch at Country Pizza, 12/7(Tue), 11:30pm. Afterwards, those who wish to attend the Thursday Musicales concert will drive over to FUMC.
- ***CHRISTMAS ANGELS**—Be an angel by donating Christmas gifts for 20 students in need from Richey Elementary School. You can sign up directly with Jean Ann Lewis in the Narthex. Deadline 12/10.
- ***THURSDAY MUSICALES CONCERT**—Free Christmas performance 12/6 (Wed) at 7pm and 12/7 (Thu) 2pm in the sanctuary. Donations to benefit local music students welcome.
- ***CHILDREN'S CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE**—12/10(Sun) right after worship service.
- ***LONGEST NIGHT CELEBRATION**—12/13(Wed) 4:30pm at the FUMC shelter. This is a time to honor the family and friends of local homeless who have passed away this year.
- ***HOLIDAY HAM LUNCHEON**—After worship on 12/17. Hall. If you can, please bring a dish. Vegetables=last name A-H, salad= last name I-R, last name S-Z. Meat/beverages will be provided. All are welcome to join for food and fellowship!!!
- ***BAPTISM**—during worship service 12/24 (Sun). Sign up in the narthex or online via QR code. Deadline is 12/10(Sun).
- ***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm.
- ***LOVE OFFERING FOR LAY STAFF**—Please drop your offering in the Christmas collection box in the Narthex.
- ***PLEDGE CARDS**—For your 2024 Giving are still available to pick up in the Narthex and give during Offering.



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