

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Betsy Bower
*(Prayer cards will be collected by ushers during the first hymn.
Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)*

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

*Call to Worship: No. 211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Antiphon 2
Verses 1 and 2

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Georgia and Gene Taylor
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (verse 1) No. 196

Reader 1: God of hope and promise, protection and
strength, you made covenant with us to send
your presence to earth.

Reader 2: God of hope and endurance, you foretold of the
coming kingdom of God.

**All: We, God's people, affirm your covenant with us. We
stand ready, hearts full of hope, for God will fulfill the
promises made to God's people. As the psalmist
declares, so do we: "All the Lord's paths are loving
and faithful for those who keep his covenant and
laws." (Psalm 25:10, NRSV)**

Response "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196
(verse 1)

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 216

*Unison Prayer No. 201

*Call to Confession:
Jesus said, Do not let your hearts be weighed down by
the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for
the grace of God, who will save you in your time of
trial. With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess
our sin.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your
coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us,
Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in
your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God
of our salvation. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness
*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

1st Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pg. 831
Responsive Psalm Psalm 25:1-10 (Response 1) No. 756
Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Pg. 1238
*Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Pg. 1102

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Choral Anthem "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"

Children's Message Pastor Kyle

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

Our Morning Prayer
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Prepare the Way: Stand" Pastor Kyle

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
Offertory
*Doxology No. 95
*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15
*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus
is welcome at the table.*

*Hymn "Prepare the Way" No. 207

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

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Financial News:

Tithes and Offerings needed each Sunday for
budgeted expenses (November 2018): \$2,495
Received last month:
11/04 - \$3,120.00 11/11 - \$2,326.00
11/18 - \$1,206.06 11/25 - \$1,790.00

As of 11/30/2018, we had received about 85% of our
budgeted income for the month of November and
88% YTD.

Valley Head Mission Trip

Thanks for your support of this ongoing ministry of
our church. On Thursday, December 6 we will be
packing the baskets and bags of cookies to take to
the families in West Virginia. We welcome any cookie
donations (no nuts please) and anyone who would
like to help with the packing. We also invite any
interested individuals to travel with us on Friday and
Saturday as we share the love of Christ with our
friends in Appalachia. Please contact the church office
for details.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

- Jennifer Adair
- Jeff and Shelia Burckhart
- Esther Franks
- Rob Jester
- Dasie Nordick
- Betty Princehorn
- Dick Silver
- Betty Taylor
- Justine Geiser

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Robbin (daughter of Sue and Rob Jester)
Gary Reed (Connie's brother)
California Fire Victims

Today's Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday, 12/2	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
Monday, 12/3	Retirees' Breakfast	8:00 am
	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Art & Soul	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 12/4	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
	UMW Pledge Service and Installation of Officers	7:00 pm
Wednesday 12/5	Morning Circle	9:30 am
	Advent Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
Friday 12/7	Mt. Vision Mission Trip	
Saturday, 12/8	Mt. Vision Mission Trip	
	UMM Breakfast	7:30 am
	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday, 12/9	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
Monday, 12/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance Committee	6:30 pm
	Administrative Council	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 12/11	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 12/12	Advent Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:30 pm
Saturday, 12/15	Girl Scout Cookie Rally	8:00 am
	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*