# **EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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#### "SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



# First Sunday of Advent

"Passionate Faith" November 27, 2016

**LARGE PRINT** 



WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion: First Sunday of Every Month

**SERVING THIS MORNING** 

Head Usher: Travis Overstreet

Liturgist: Gale Boller Advent Reader: Ken Hirlinger Organist: Eula Gowan Choir Director: Marilyn Williams

† Please Stand As You Are Able

P=People

L= Liturgist

### **GATHERING TOGETHER AND SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE**

Bringing in the light, Prelude, Welcome, Passing of the Peace

## † CALL TO WORSHIP Sourcebook

L: Behold, we are people who dwell in darkness.

P: Our understanding is dim, a mere shadow of truth.

L: In a land of deep darkness we await light from our God.

P: In faith we see but a faint reflection of God's glory.

L: Illumine our darkness by the light of your Christ.

P: Then we shall see and be radiant.

L: When the true Light which enlightens everyone has come into our world.

ALL: Amen. let it be so!

## † PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sourcebook

ALL: Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive Your deep peace.

Take from us all weariness of spirit. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds.

Release us from bondage and irritations that deplete our energy. Prepare us now to receive Your living Word with Faith through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Opening Hymn:

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

#89 (R)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Ken Hirlinger

ALL: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world.

The beginning of Advent. We are here because God's promises to our ancestors came true when Jesus was born. We are blessed with the gift of *Faith*, and we thank Him for that gift. God's promise is kept each Sunday when we worship because Christ is in our midst. We have *Faith* that God will keep the promise to come again in glory. Amen.

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURES**

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament



Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 122

**Epistle Reading:** 

Romans 5: 1-8

pg. 571 pg. 155

Special Scripture Reading:

2 Kings 2: 1-14

Pastor Jeff

Sermon:

"Passionate Faith"

Hymn of Response:

"Amazing Grace"

#233 (R)

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshiping Family

**Pastoral Prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer debts and debtors

Sung Prayer Response:

ALL: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, and Grant Us Thy Peace.

Amen.

† UCC Affirmation of Faith:

"Statement of Faith"

Back of Red Hymnal

# **SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

Offertory Invitation
Offertory Music

#### \* DOXOLOGY

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all Creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **† PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ALL: Loving Creator, we are aware that our lives are blessed beyond our ability to repay. Thus we bring our offerings as a note of thanksgiving for your goodness. Amen.

#### **RESPONDING IN SERVICE**

† Closing Hymn of Response:

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#90 (R)

#### † BENEDICTION

† Dismissal:

Go now in peace, Never be afraid, Go now in peace, In faith and in love.

#### Postlude





WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING! Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, this First Sunday of Advent! If you are visiting us this morning, please fill out one of our pew cards, and place it in the collection plate as it passes by. We're so glad you're here today.

Go Now in Faith, Hope, Joy, Peace and Love.....

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY The second of 4 Bible Studies will be held this evening, Nov. 27 at 6:00pm. here at EUCC in the Ed. Bldg. Pastor Nick Campbell from the Methodist Church will lead the Study. This unique study will focus on the music of the season. We look forward to seeing you!

YOGA - Tues & Thurs at 8:45am in the Lay Center.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY This Wed. Nov. 30 at 10:00am. Please note the change to Wed. NOT Friday this week. If anyone would like to help, we would love to have you. It takes about an hour to assembly it, and we always have a great time! Come join us!

CHOIR PRACTICE This Wed. Nov. 30 at 5:15pm in the Ed. Bldg.

<u>SPECIAL THANKS</u> to Kurt Grathwohl and Betty Brueckner and all those who helped decorated the Ed. Building and the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

COOKIE ORDERS The Boonville Women's Club will be selling their cookies once again this year, for \$5.00 per dozen, in a Christmas decorated box. Pre-orders are requested. To place an order for these wonderful homemade cookies, please call Marilyn Adkins at 882-5655. Pick up at EUCC from 9-11:30am. Delivery is Available!

HOME TOUR TICKETS may be purchased at the Visitor's Center /Tourism Office, 100 E. Spring, from **now thru Sat. Dec. 3.** Ticket prices are \$20 for 4 homes and the bonus church, St. Matthews AME. They will **NOT** be available at the EUCC Ed. Bldg.

YOU ARE INVITED The Presbyterian Church, 417 Vine St, (across from Thespian Hall) invites you to come and enjoy a nice hot cup of soup, sandwiches and desserts from 11am - 2pm, next Sat. Dec. 3, before the parade begins at 2:00pm. Free Will offering and Carry-outs are available. Donations support the "Toys for Tots" and church repair fund.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

#### IN HIS SERVICE

Head Ushers for December
Russ Bradshaw/Jim Snoddy

**December Council Reps**Russ Bradshaw/Jim Snoddy

<u>Dec. 4</u> - Hope Second Sunday of Advent Liturgist - Kurt Grathwohl Advent Reading - Russ Bradshaw

## LOOKING AHEAD Dec. 4 - 10

Sunday, Dec. 4
9am - Adult SS
10:30am WORSHIP
w/ Holy Communion
Choir Sings
6pm Bible Study @ River of Life

Monday, Dec. 5 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - Office Closed 8:45am - Yoga

Wed. Dec. 7 - Office Open

Thurs. Dec. 8 - Office Closed 8:45am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 9 - Office Open 1:15pm - Women's Fellowship @ Betty's Clarks Home Please call Carolyn Koerner to start the Prayer Circle at 882-7967. Prayers to the prayer list may also be added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Jane Stevens, Nellie Schrader, Neva Davis, Bud Overstreet, Robin Gerke, Mike Overstreet, George Chamberlain, Mindy Nave, Payten Houston, (Roy and Janice Cary's granddaughter) Kathi Reed, Cacky Neckermann and Ruth Zeller. Please let the church office know if these names are correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed. Thanks

#### **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

- \* All those who may be struggling with illnesses, losses, financial difficulties, etc.
- \* All those who are home or nursing home bound.
- \* Those serving in the armed forces and their families.
- \* For Raj, his family and their continued ministry.
- \* The Earth, our leaders and everyone in our Country and throughout the world.

Birthdays & Anniversaries Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Birthdays - Nov. 27 - Brian Hagen; Nov. 28 - Lon Gilson; Nov. 30 - Danny Farris, Sidney Schneider & Lisa Hirlinger; Dec. 2 - Beth Cary; Dec. 3 - Mark Clark & Sallie Hirst

Anniversary: Nov. 29 - David & Jeanne Holte

#### **FOR THE RECORD**

Nov. 20 \$ 1386.00 Attn: 41

