

# EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Serving our Pulpit - Mr. Russ Bradshaw

## "SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"



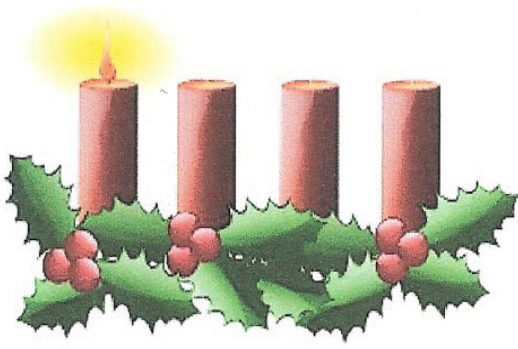
*First Sunday of Advent*

*Communion Sunday*

*"Believe and Don't Lose Heart"*

*December 2, 2018*

**LARGE PRINT**



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

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Head Usher - Ken Hirlinger

Liturgist: Barb Holtzclaw

Organist: Eula Gowan ~ Choir Director - Marilyn Williams

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† = 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 OUR PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

L: Behold, we are a 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: **When the true light which enlightens everyone has come into the world.**

ALL: Amen, let it be so!

Lighting of the First Advent Candle of FAITH (1 purple)

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.

Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

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INSTALLATION OF LAYLEADERS

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

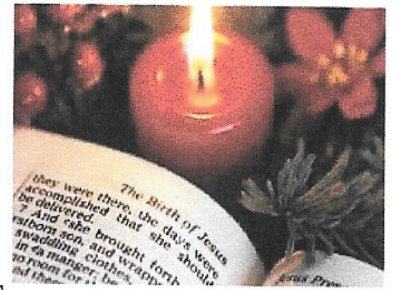
OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament

**Old Testament Reading:** *Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

pg. 738 OT

**New Testament Reading:** *2 Cor. 4:13-14 and 16-18*

pg. 181 NT



### Choir Anthem

**Sermon:** *"Believe and Don't Lose Heart"*

Russ Bradshaw

## RESPONDING WITH OUR PRAYERS

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:** *The Apostle's Creed*

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:** Most Gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Use these offerings to spread the Advent message of *Faith* to people throughout the world. Amen!

## SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Sourcebook*

**ALL:** God of blessings and love, when the time was right You sent Your Son to the world. Teach us the art of patience and give us an understanding of Your wisdom. Forgive us for making this Holy Season of anticipation a whirlwind of lists and activities, a flood of joyless obligations and fearless generosity. Forgive our rush as we forgive those who rush past us. Lead us not into anxiety, but deliver us from pretense. For Your Kingdom is coming with the power of love, the glory of angelic carols, now and forever, heralded in the birth of the Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent reflection before God.

Assurance of God's Grace

Glory Be To the Father "Gloria Patri"

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## GOD SHARES WITH US

Invitation

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*"Inner circle is Grape Juice, Outer circle is wine".*



**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL:** Most Gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Use these offerings to spread the Advent message of faith to people throughout the world. Amen!

† Closing Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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† Benediction

Russ Bradshaw

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

Postlude

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS

*From UCC Book of Worship*

**P = Russ Bradshaw**

**C = Congregation**

**LL = Lay Leader(s)**

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**P:** These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted the call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve. Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility for a particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God, in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

**LL:** We are.

**P:** Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

**LL:** We do, relying on God's grace.

**P:** Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able, please rise and witness to the commitment we now make.

**C:** **We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

*The Congregation may be seated.*

**P:** Let us pray. Eternal God, You have called these people to serve You in this household of faith and in the world, which You have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send Your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that Your church may prosper in the mission You place before it. May their examples prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of Your name.

**ALL:** Amen.

*Please continue with the "Hearing God's Word" on page 3 in your Worship Bulletin.*

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## IN HIS SERVICE FOR DECEMBER

### Head Ushers for December

**Dec. 9 - 4:30pm Service**

John & Barb Holtzclaw

**Dec. 16 - Gale Boller**

**Dec. 23 -10:30am - Paul Henry**

**Dec. 23 - 6pm Service - Paul Henry**

**Dec. 30 - Jim & Sherry Snoddy**

### Liturgists for December

**Dec. 9 - Kurt Grathwohl**

**Dec. 16 - Betty Sieckmann**

**Dec. 23 - Nancy Casanova**

No Christmas Eve Service

**Dec. 30 - Marilyn Williams**

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**Dec. 9-15**

### Sunday, Dec. 9

**NO 10:30am - WORSHIP**

**4:30pm Church Service and Christmas**

**Party to follow in the Ed. Bldg.**

2nd Sunday of Advent

Food Pantry

**Mon. Dec. 10- Office Closed**

**Tues. Dec. 11- Office Closed**

8:30am - Yoga

**Wed. Dec.12 - OFFICE OPEN**

**8am - Men's Fellowship**

**6pm Church Council Mtg. and Dinner @**

**87 Diner**

**Thurs. Dec. 613- Office Closed**

8:30am - Yoga.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

**Fri. Dec. 7 - OFFICE OPEN**

1:15pm Women's Fellowship

**POINSETTIA DELIVERY DEADLINE**

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.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please let the church office know if these names are correct, and/or if any need to be updated or removed.*

*Thanks*

Patty Gerke Oerly, Sawyer Quinlan, Bonnie Baugh, Louise Cary, Stacey Trimble, Dave Stephens, Kristen Grathwohl, Linda Hagen, Sandy Bagby, Kathy Palmer, Joshua Bailey, Dorothy Chrisman, Thelma Gerke, Darlene Simmons, Sue Roweton, Vince Moehle, George Chamberlain and Kathi Reed.

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The family of Warren Morse are 'quietly' asking for a Christmas card shower or notes from friends at EUCC. He has been down facing the Holidays without his Marilyn, and they hope this might help to cheer him up.

**Warren Morse**

**17500 W 119th St.**

**Aberdeen Village Rm 215**

**Olathe, KS 66061**

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES Dec. 2-8

**Birthdays: Dec. 2 - Beth Cary & Bonnie Baugh;**

**Dec. 3 - Mark Clark & Sallie Hirst; Dec. 6 - Barb**

**Holtzclaw, Bernita Bright & Christa Brueckner; Dec. 7 -**

**Nancy Casanova; Dec. 8 - Alex Reynolds, Don Williams,**

**Joey Sieckman, Rachel Howell & Travis Overstreet;**

**Anniversary: Dec. 7 - Don & Mary Neckermann**

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## FOR THE RECORD

**Nov. 25**

**\$648.00**

**Attn: 27**



**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! We invite all to His table to partake of His true Body and Blood under the bread and wine. In sharing the Lord's Table, we remember how We're so glad you're here today. The Peace of the Lord Be With You!

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**INSTALLATION OF LAYLEADERS** - We are blessed to have Barb Holtzclaw, Jim Snoddy, Gale Boller, Ken Hirlinger, Kurt Grathwohl and Paul Henry, who have received and accepted the call to serve on the Church Council at EUCC.

*Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the ones who serve me. John 12:26*

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**SPECIAL THANKS** To all those who came yesterday to help with the decorating of the Church and Ed. Bldg. We are so grateful for your willingness to serve!

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE** on the table in back of the Sanctuary, and online at our website at:  
[www.BoonvilleEucc.yolasite.com](http://www.BoonvilleEucc.yolasite.com)

**YOGA** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am in the Lay Center.

**SATURDAY SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Next Saturday, Dec. 9 we will have a special Service in the Sanctuary at 4:30pm. Then we will go to the Ed. Bldg. for our Christmas Party. Please plan to bring your favorite snacks, and a woman or man gift for the white elephant exchange. We will also have kids activities set up for anyone who wants to bring their little people. Drinks will be provided! Hope to see everyone there!

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 10:30am SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY.**

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**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** will be held at the 4:30pm Worship Service next Sunday.

**LUNCH FOR THE NEWSLETTER CREW**

Reminder, the Newsletter Crew is invited to a soup and sandwich lunch at the home of Jennifer Friedrich, **Thursday Dec. 6 at Noon!** Mark your calendars and plan to join her at her home.

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS**



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**Dec. 16 - Gale Boller**  
**Dec. 23 - 10:30am**  
Paul Henry  
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Paul Henry



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*God Be With You Till We Meet Again!*