

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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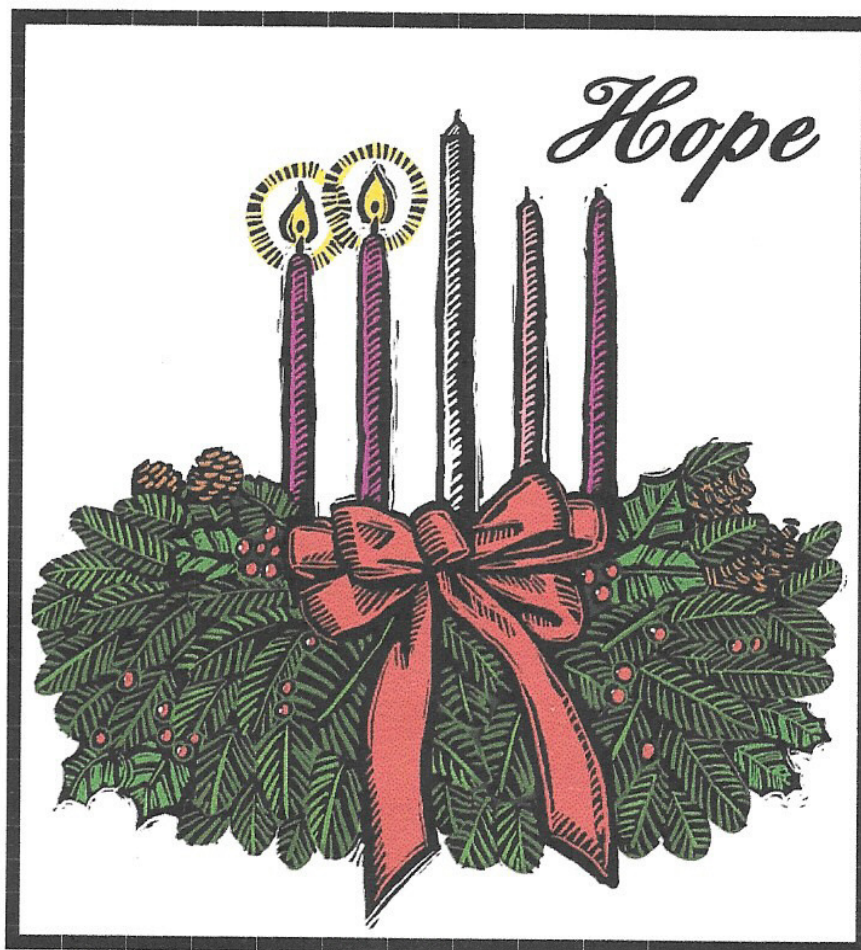
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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"



Second Sunday of Advent

"There Is Hope"

Communion Sunday

December 4, 2016

LARGE PRINT



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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Ushers - Russ Bradshaw/Jim Snoddy

Liturgist: Kurt Grathwohl

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: A chill is in the air.

P: **Damp penetrates to the bone.**

L: Wind rattles bare tree branches.

P: **An eerie silence.**

L: A longing filled with hope and dread.

P: **An uneasy peace.**

L: Then, from the farthest corners of the earth comes a song.

P: **From the deepest part of our souls comes a hope.**

L: So we gather in this holy season to open our hearts to the One who fills the silence with song,

ALL: And makes the darkness bright.

† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

ALL: Loving God, as we assemble to worship here, we call this place Bethlehem, House of Bread, for we expect to be fed by Your word. We are reminded of the Bethlehem of the prophet Micah who foresaw the birth of the Christ child and described Him as one who would stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord. So bless us as we gather in our Bethlehem to be nourished by Your presence and by Him who is called the Bread of Life. Amen.

Lighting of the First and Second Advent Candles (2 purple)

Russ Bradshaw

ALL: God, in faith we find *Hope*. As we light the candles of *Faith* and *Hope*, we remember and believe in Your promises to us. We give You all our struggles this day. May we always find our *Hope* and help in your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

"The First Noel"

100 (R)



HEARING GOD'S WORD

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament

Hebrew Scripture: *Psalm 9:13-18*

New Testament Reading: *Acts 23: 1-8*

Choir Anthem: *"The Angel's Song"*

pg. 493 OT
pg. 157 NT
Hughes

Special Scripture Reading *Romans 15: 7-13*

Sermon: *"There is Hope"*

Pastor Glandon
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† Hymn of Response: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

86 (R)

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: Giver of all life, thank you for the gift of life and for all gifts. Please take our offerings
and our lives and use them in Your service. In Jesus' name we pray. 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".



Communion Prayer:

ALL: Most Holy Lord, we come to Your table for hope and healing. Come to us through this bread and wine. Strengthen us in body, mind and spirit to do Your will in the world. As we gather at your table, make us, who are many, one with You. Draw our hearts and minds into such communion with You and with one another that we may be living songs of Your love in the world. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Gracious God, Thank You for setting us free to become what You intend: a people grounded in the love of Jesus and confident of Your abiding presence. With thanksgiving, we give ourselves to You, to one another and to the world in humble witness, generous service and joyful praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

† Closing Hymn: "Praise to the Lord"

25 (R)

† Benediction

Pastor Glandon

† 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 Second 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 He gave His life for our *Hope* and Healing. We're so glad you're here today.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WED. Open Thurs & Fri. Dec 8 & 9.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY The Third of 4 Bible Studies will be held this evening, Dec. 4 at 6:00pm. at the River of Life Assembly of God Church, 1430 W. Ashley Rd. Pastor Nick Campbell from the Methodist Church will lead the Study, "Children, Go Where I Sent Thee."

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

COMMUNITY CHOIR If you are interested in joining the community choir, please let Donavan Davis know. There are several things coming up next year, that they will be singing for. She can share more information.

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary, or on our website at: www.BoonvilleEucc.yolasite.com

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP This **Friday, Dec. 9 at 1:15pm** at the home of Betty Clark

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Next Sunday, **Dec. 11,**

INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS will be next **Sunday, Dec. 11.** Russ Bradshaw will install our newest members of the council. If you have accepted the call to serve on the Church Council, or for another term, please make plans to attend next Sunday.

BUDGET ENVELOPES for 2017 are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourself....

DID YOU KNOW? EUCC will be hosting the Life Line Screening coming to Boonville on **January 27, 2017.** For more information, please pick up a pink sheet on the table in back of the Sanctuary. Pre-registration is required! Register early and receive a \$10.00 discount, by calling the number provided on the Life Line sheet. **TAKE A STEP TOWARD HEALTHY & ACTIVE!**

BENEFIT CHILI SUPPER for Riley Equine Center. **Friday, Dec. 16 , 5-8pm.** in the EUCC Ed. Bldg. Adults \$9.00, 12 & under \$5.00. Please see Roy Stevens for more information.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again!

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher(s) for December

Russ Bradshaw/Jim Snoddy

December Council Rep

Jim Snoddy

Dec. 11

Liturgist - Travis Overstreet

Advent Candle Lighter - Jim Snoddy

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 11-17

Sunday, Dec. 11

10:30am WORSHIP

Installation of Lay Leaders

Food Pantry Collection

6pm Advent Bible Study -

St. Matthews AME Church

Monday, Dec. 12 - Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

6pm - Ministerial Alliance Mtg.

Wed. Dec. 14 - Office Open

8am - Men's Fellowship

5:15pm - Choir Prac.

Thurs. Dec. 15 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 16 - Office Open

5-8pm - Benefit Chili Supper in

EUCC Ed. Bldg.

for Riley Equine Center

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.
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Birthdays & Anniversaries Dec. 4 - 10

Birthdays - Dec. 5 - Richard Fredrich; **Dec. 6** - Barbara Holtzclaw, Bernita Bright & Christa Brueckner; **Dec. 7** - Nancy Casanova; **Dec. 8** - Alex Reynolds, Don Williams, Joey Sieckman, Rachel Howell & Travis Overstreet; **Dec. 9** - Dan Clark

Anniversary: Dec. 7 - Don & Mary Neckermann

FOR THE RECORD

Nov. 27

\$851.00

Attn: 31