

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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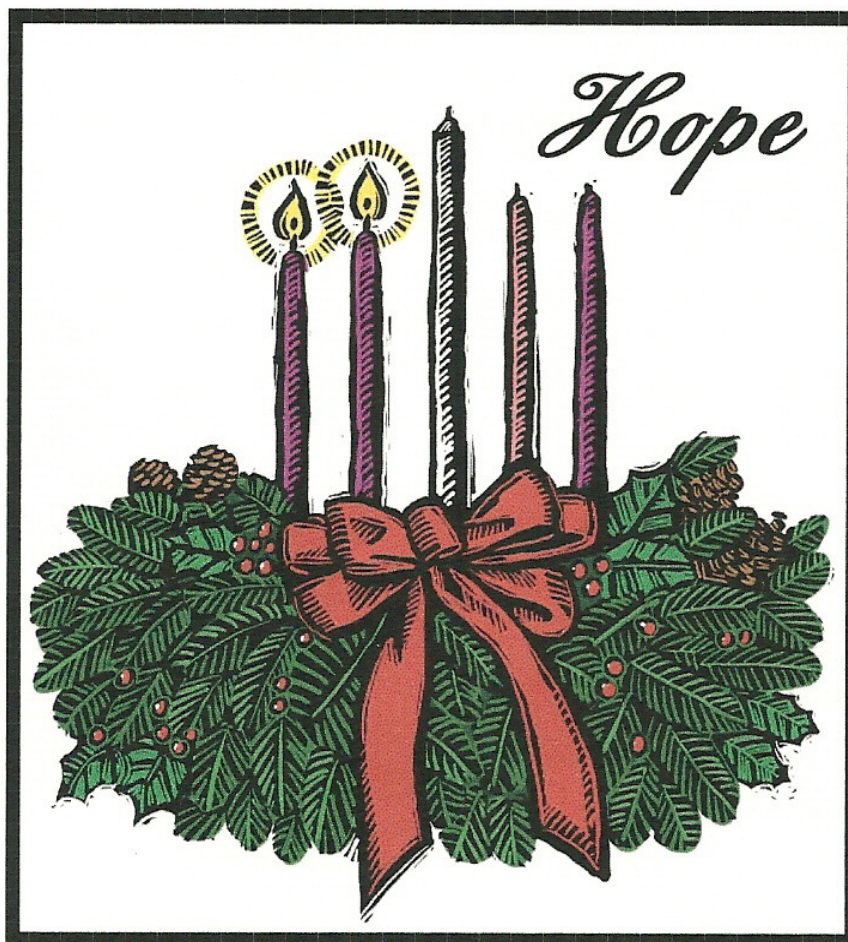
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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"



Second Sunday of Advent

"Hope, Heavenly Opportunities Promised Eternally"

Communion Sunday

December 6, 2015

LARGE PRINT



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

SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Ushers -
Liturgist: Brian Hagen
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)

Nancy Casanova

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS



Hebrew Scripture: *Psalm 3: 1-8* pgs. 489-490 OT
Epistle Reading: *Romans 8: 22-28* pg. 157 NT
Choir Anthem: *"And the Angel Said"* Nagy
Special Scripture Reading *Hebrews 6: 13-20* Pastor Glandon

Sermon: *"Hope, Heavenly Opportunities Promised Eternally "* Pastor Glandon

† **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.”

If you need Gluten Free Communion, Please tell an Usher

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*

SPECIAL THANKS to the Choir for sharing their music with us this morning!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! **WE NEED HEAD USHER(S) FOR NEXT SUNDAY DEC 13, AND ALSO ON DEC. 20.** Please let the Church office or Janice Cary know asap if you can serve one of those 2 dates. All other dates have been filled. Thank You!

THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTERS are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary.

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP This **Wed, Dec. 9 at 8:00am**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP This **Friday, Dec. 11 at 1:15pm** in the Ed. Bldg.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Next Sunday, **Dec. 13,** Please **DO NOT** put your monetary gifts in the offering plate. There is a special box marked for Food Pantry food and money, in back of the Sanctuary for your donations. Thank You!

INSTALLATION OF LAY LEADERS will be next **Sunday, Dec. 13.** Janice Cary 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.

POINSETTIA'S You may start bringing in your Poinsettias for the Christmas Season during the week of **Dec. 14-18.** If you plan to have them delivered to the Ed. Bldg, the office is open Wed. (Dec. 16) and Fri. (Dec. 18) from 10-noon and 1-5pm. Please remind your florist to ring the doorbell so they can be let in.

BUDGET ENVELOPES for 2016 are now available on the table in back of the Sanctuary. Please help yourself....

A Cast party is scheduled this afternoon, Dec. 6 from 2-5pm in the Ed. Bldg. for the Children's Community Theatre Grp. Donovan Davis will be in charge of clean up.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again.....

IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher(s) for December

Dec. 13, 20

No One Scheduled

Dec. 24 - Brueckner Family

Dec. 27 - Jim & Sherry Snoddy

December Council Rep

Russ Brueckner

Dec. 13

Liturgist - Russ Bradshaw

Advent Reader - Jim Snoddy

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 13 - 19

Sunday, Dec. 13

10:30am WORSHIP

Installation of Lay Leaders

Food Pantry Collection

Monday, Dec. 14 - Office Closed

This Week. You may bring start bringing in your Poinsettias.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

6:30pm CHURCH COUNCIL

MTG. W/ New Council Members

Wed. Dec. 16 - Office Open

5:15pm - Choir Prac.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Thurs. Dec. 17 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga

Friday, Dec. 18 - Office Open

Last Day for Poinsettia Deliveries to the Ed. Bldg. 10am - 5pm

Please call Cacky Neckermann to start the Prayer Circle at 882-5184. Prayers to the prayer list may also be added by calling the Church Office at 882-5501.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cacky Neckermann, Harper Coleman, Stacey Wooldridge, Diane Dilse, Monte Booker, Ruth Henry, Ruth Zeller and Anna Mae Sieckman. *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. 6 - 12

Birthdays - 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; **Dec. 10** - Ruth Henry

Anniversary: Dec. 7 - Don & Mary Neckermann

FOR THE RECORD

Nov. 29

\$ 922.00

Attn: 39

Includes \$ 270. Gerding memorial

*The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL *Irregular with Refrain*
Traditional English Melody
 Harm. by John Stainer, 1871

Traditional English Carol

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
 3. And by the light of that same star Three
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
 5. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
 in the east, be - yond them far, And to the
 wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it
 prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave great light, And so it con -
 king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the
 did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the
 heav'n and earth of naught, And with his

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 blood man - kind hath bought.

ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710

Tr. John M. Neale, 1851, Sts. 1, 2, alt.

Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1916, Sts. 3, 4

VENI EMMANUEL 8.8.8.8.8.8.

Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Helmore, 1854

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine
 3. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peoples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
 far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
 heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

Refrain

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Ps. 103

*Joachim Neander, 1680**Tr. Catherine Winkworth and others*

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
 reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
 fend thee; Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! Come, ye who hear, Broth - ers and
 tain - eth! Hast thou not seen All that is
 tend thee. Pon - der a - new All the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men Sound from his

sis - ters draw near; Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful hath been Grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, He who with love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain: Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.