

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"SHARING BREAD THROUGH CHRIST"

Rev. Jeff Glandon - Pastor



Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Peace Amongst Us"

December 20, 2015

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



SERVING THIS MORNING

Head Ushers: Russ & Patty Bradshaw

Liturgist: Betty Sieckmann

Organist: Eula Gowan **Choir Director:** Marilyn Williams

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Glandon

† 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: Stay Awake!

P: **The Savior is coming!**

L: The child will soon be born.

P: **Stay awake!**

L: The Lord will knock at our door.

P: **The baby will prompt angels to sing.**

L: Stay awake!

P: **The redeemer will return.**

L: The infant will astound the wise.

P: **Stay awake!**

L: The Christ Child will become our shepherd and guide.

ALL: To one and to all --- Stay Awake! The Savior is coming!

† **PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *Sourcebook*

ALL: God of manger and star, let us enter Your story once again and find ourselves kneeling with the shepherds, singing with the angels and worshipping with the Magi. Touch our hearts with the wonder of birth and the depths of Your love. Speak to us in word and song and lift us to the realms of glory. Amen.

**Lighting of the First, Second, Third
and Fourth Advent Candles (3 purple & 1 pink)**

Ken Hirlinger

ALL: God, You have given us faith, hope and joy. Forgive us for all the times we have made hurtful choices. In You we find true *Peace*. Help us to live the *peace* of Your Son in our hearts, in our family and in our world. Amen.

† **Opening Hymn:** *“The First Noel”*

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURES

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament



Hebrew Reading: *Psalm 89: 1-4*

pg. 545 OT

Gospel Reading: *John 16: 29-33*

pg. 111 NT

Choir Anthem: *“The Gift”*

Knox & Wilson

Special Reading: *Luke 1: 26-38*

Pastor Jeff

Sermon: *“Peace Amongst Us”*

Hymn of Response: *“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”*

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PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Joys and Concerns of our Worshipping 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

Special Music by Marilyn & Warren Morse’s granddaughter Elizabeth South

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.

RESPONDING IN SERVICE

† Closing Hymn: *“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

Our Worship is Over, Now Our Service Begins!

WELCOME TO ALL THIS MORNING! Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the Peace of the coming of our one true savior, Jesus Christ, this Fourth 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.

The Peace of the Lord Be You



FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER Please join us today after church for our Christmas Carry-in dinner in the Ed. Bldg. Even if you didn't bring something to share, come join us anyway for this special time of Christmas Fellowship with your Church Family! The Fellowship Committee is cooking up something really tasty!

HEAD USHER SIGN UP SHEET for 2016, is being passed around this morning. Please consider this service to your church, for the upcoming year.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FUND OFFERING Last week we included a special mission offering envelope in your bulletin, for the Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. Today, we will received this important mission offering. If you need an envelope this morning, please tell an Usher, and they will be happy to get one for you. Just place your gift in the collection plate as it passes by. Thank You!

UPPER ROOMS for Jan-Feb are now available in back of the Sanctuary.



POINSETTIA TIME! If you haven't already done so, please let the office know if you have provided a Poinsettia for decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, and if it is in Memory/or in honor of a loved one. The info will be shared in the January Newsletter.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN TUES. AND WED. THIS WEEK

regular hours... 10-noon & 1-5pm. The following week will be the same with the office being open on Tues. Dec.29 & Wed. Dec.30, regular hours.

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

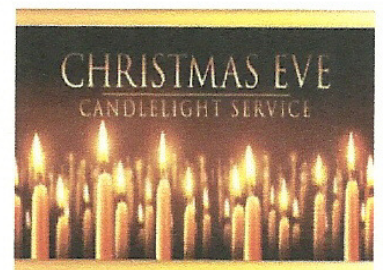
CCMH DEVOTIONAL This Tues, Dec.. 22 at 11:00am.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will NOT meet next Sunday, Dec. 27.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE,

Thursday. Evening, Dec. 24 at 7:00pm.

We hope you'll make plans to join us.



IN HIS SERVICE

Head Usher(s) for December

Dec. 24 - The Bob Brueckner
Family
Dec. 27 - Jim & Sherry Snoddy

December Council Rep

Janice Cary

Dec. 24

Liturgist - Nancy Casanova
Advent Candle lighter
Betty Brueckner

Dec. 27

Liturgist - Russ Bradshaw

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 27 - Jan 2

Sunday, Dec.27

NO Adult SS

10:30am WORSHIP

Mon. Dec. 28 - Office Closed

Tues. Dec. 29 - OFFICE OPEN

8:45am - Yoga

Wed. Dec. 30 - OFFICE OPEN

10:00 am NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLY

Thurs. Dec. 31 - Office Closed

8:45am - Yoga??

Friday, Jan. 1 - Office Closed

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Merle Smith, Vernon Davis, Cacky Neckermann, Glenna McVeigh, Harper Coleman, Stacey Wooldridge, Diane Dilse, 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries Dec. 20-26

Birthdays - Oppss Dec 16 - Wish Pastor Jeff a Happy Belated Birthday! Oct. 22 - Darlene Simmons; DeAnne Dilse; Dec. 23 - Brooklyn Heisler; Dec. 25 - Happy Birthday Jesus!

Anniversaries: Dec. 20 - Don & Marilyn Williams; Dec. 25 - Rich & Sue Zimmerman

FOR THE RECORD

Dec. 13 \$1138.00 Attn: 29
Includes \$ 50.00-Gerding memorial \$17.00-Christmas Fund