

First United Methodist Church

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December 10, 2023 — December 16, 2023

"2nd Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Ruth Annelin Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: James Gaffney Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Blanchard/Barry
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Adopt-A-Family Christmas

Sunday (12/10) Festival of Lessons and Carols 3 PM, St. Francis deSales Church
Monday (12/11) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (12/12) Ad Council 10 AM
Wednesday (12/13)
Thursday (12/14)
Friday (12/15)

December 17, 2023 — December 23, 2023

"3rd Sunday of Advent"

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Bette Jahn Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Adopt-A-Family Christmas

Monday (12/18) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (12/19)
Wednesday (12/20)
Thursday (12/21)
Friday (12/22) Christmas Meditation 6-7 PM
Saturday (12/23)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/10/23 Isa 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-18

12/17/23 Isa 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Catherine Koch, Bill & Gayle Tufnell, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Cynthia & Ken Burgin, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Lynn LaRose, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Michael Haynes, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and the unspoken needs.



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PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



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December 10, 2023
“Second Sunday of Advent”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: The Gentle Shepherd by S. Riggs

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

***HYMN:** FWS 2090 (v 2) Light the Advent Candle

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

***PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 171 There’s Something About That Name

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**
 L: Isaiah foretold the coming of the Messiah, and that one would come before Him to prepare the way, centuries before it happened. As Isaiah foretold, John, known as the Baptist, came to prepare the way for Jesus.
P: We, too, have been prepared. We know of the words spoken by Isaiah, and of the ministry of John in the wilderness, where he baptized those who sought him out, that they might repent and be cleansed of their sins. What must we do?
 L: Listen to the words of John, and the teachings of Jesus. Believe in Him, repent of your sins, become baptized if you have not been, and spread the Good News of His coming!
P: O Lord, we thank You for sending your messengers ahead of us to prepare us for the coming of Your Son, into our hearts, into our lives, and into our spirits. Let us share the Good News also!
 L: Go as you will, and tell others, both through words and through deeds. Live your lives as Jesus taught, and seek His help when you falter and stumble. Our Father is quick to forgive and show mercy. He will never abandon those who truly seek to do His will.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 220 Angels from the Realms of Glory

EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

SPECIAL MUSIC: Dan Kelsey

***GOSPEL READING:** Mark 1:1-8

SERMON: Our Just Peace

PRAYER TIME: Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
 Incline Thine ear to us,
 And grant us Thy peace. (2x)
 Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Coventry Carol English Medley

***DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 714 I Know Whom I Have Believed

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** (front cover of hymnal) Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: The Glory Way by M. I. Ritter

December Mission Noisy Offering — Adopt-a-Family Christmas
 Every year, we adopt a family for which we supply Christmas gifts!
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
 * PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE