

REACH OUT IN CHRIST

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

10:00am

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Rob Marlowe

Leader: Today, we light the first candle of Advent, the Candle of Hope. The flame reminds us of the hope we have in Christ, who comes to bring light into our darkness. As the prophet Isaiah declared:

Scripture: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: Let us fix our hearts on the hope Christ brings into the world, and may this light guide us through uncertain times.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

WELCOME

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The days are coming; your salvation is nearing.

People: Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The heavens are speaking; your kingdom is arriving.

People: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

People: Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

Leader: We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

People: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Lee

OFFERTORY

RECEIVING OF OFFERING

(You may use this QR code to make online offerings)



DOXOLOGY

#95

A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Lee

(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)

Response: "Hear our prayer, O God"

ANTHEM "Prepare the Way" (Larson) Choir

SCRIPTURE READING "Mark 13:24-33" Pastor Lee

SERMON "Advent(1) Stay Awake" Pastor Lee

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" #618

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #718:1,2,4

BENEDICTION

ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Starla Knox, Ainsworth Brown, Joann Bolt, Joan Klingensmith, George Kranz, Jeanne Summerford, Paul Bennett, Vonnie Maytum, Donna and Glenn Hammel, Fredia Russel, Karen McGinley, Marcia and Ralph Watt, Fr. Kevin (Bob Yarnell’s brother), Blane Phillips (Belinda Hill’s brother), Heidi McConnell.

WEEKLY REPORT (11/24/2024)

*Worship attendance: 79 people.

*Giving: General Fund \$3119, Children’s Ministry \$25, Thanksgiving \$605, Love Offering \$65, Memorial \$100, Pack-a-Sack \$550, Food Pantry \$100, Communion \$10, Total \$4574.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GIFT CARDS FOR RESIDING HOPE**—Make a child’s Xmas brighter by giving them a gift card! FUMC has to mail them on 12/2. If you haven’t gotten around to buying gift cards and wish do donate, please mark your envelope “Residing Hope gift card”.

***STAFF LOVE OFFERING**—Mark envelope “staff love offering” or use special envelopes in the narthex. Please put it in the offering box before 12/15.

***UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**—Lunch at Cracker Barrel, Tuesday, 12/3, 1pm.

***CHOIR**—Practice Wednesday, 12/4, 6pm-7:30pm.

***TREE LIGHTING EVENT IN SIMS PARK**—Friday, 12/6, 6pm, UMMen’s group will have a booth.

***CRAFT GROUP**—Mondays 12:30pm.

***BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesdays 10am.

***PRAYER GATHERING**— Wednesdays 11:30am.

***BAPTISM REQUESTS**—Contact Pastor Lee if you are interested in getting baptized on December 22, 10am.

***CHRISTMAS CONCERT**—Thursday Musicales, Thursday, 12/12, 2pm, at FUMC. Free will donations welcome.

***CHRISTMAS CANTATA**—Sunday, 12/22, 10am.

***CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**—Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 6pm.

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