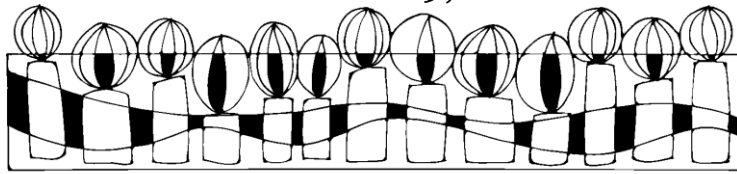


Faith United Methodist Church

November 29, 2020



First Sunday In Advent

Centering

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:11-12

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. Come, Lord Jesus.

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love. Come, Lord Jesus.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we mark this time of preparation enlighten our hearts and dispel the darkness. Fill us with your light to reflect your glory Lord Jesus.

We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of Salvation. O come, O come, Emanuel.

Amen.

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Music

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:5

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Scripture Reading

John 1:4

“In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.”

The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. **Amen.**

Children’s Time

Special Music

Witness

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the World

God of the ages, we praise you, for in the dawn of time you created the world, sending light by your Word to dispel darkness. In Jesus Christ you began a new creation, sending him to be the Light of the world, to drive away fear and despair, and to rule in peace and justice, holiness and love.

Especially we thank you

for the order and beauty of your creation . . .

for coming in Jesus Christ to share our human life . . .

for the place you give us in your continuing creation . . .

for the promise of peace among nations, and justice for all peoples . . .

for the Church as the sign of your coming kingdom . . .

Mighty God, prepare the world for your rule, for we long for the day when there shall be no more crying or tears, and death will be destroyed. Help us to share the ministry of Christ and be agents of his compassion.

Especially we pray

for the nations of the earth and peace in the world . . .

for victims and survivors of violence . . .

for those who are sick and suffering . . .

for our family and friends . . .

for the Church and those who serve in Christ’s name . . .

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

Music

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, bear the light of Christ in all that you say and do.
May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.
Amen.

Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
Dolores Anderson
Natalie Avery
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio
Family of Shirley Battaglio
Linda Bergen
Robert & Alicia Besser
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Jean Brooks
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Jared Castolenia
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield
Jimmy & Emily Davis

Bobbie Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Family of Lane Duhe
Julie Duplichan
Joe Floyd
Lorene Green
Rachel Grimmett
Connie Hebert
MaryJo Hebert
Christie Hale
Edna & Raymond Jones
Alice Kethley
Family of Shirley Kethley
Kristie Key
Clyde Landry
Gail Lauve
Christi Leblanc
Family of Jim Leblanc
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Orianna Marchand
Matt Markos
Barbara Martin
Lloyd Martin
Linda Meyers
Maribeth Moore
Jimmy Mott
Ron & Michelle Mueller

Joyce Murphy
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim Padgett
John & Candance Perkins
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Alfred Pierson
Mercedes Pierson
Justin Plake
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Betty Romero
Ezekiel Romero
Joann Savelle
Jim & Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
James Sowell
Kim Streed
Bob Taylor
Loretta Thibodeaux
Sadina Hammock Ward
Mary Alice Weitzel
Mary Rose Williams
Gail Wright
Greta Zeralsky



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We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

Attributes

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