



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Weatherford, OK
November 19, 2017
8:30AM & 10:30AM
8th Sunday in Kingdomtide

“HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY”

Liturgists: Angela Marsee (8:30AM);
Brenda Kimble (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD’S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens
Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence
Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude “We Gather Together” arr. Kremser
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✠ “Feet and Greet” (Let’s get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

❖✠ Gathering Song W. & S. No. 3176
“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls out: “Come and enter my joy!” **We gather in thankfulness this day, as servants of God’s blessings.** God calls out: “Come, stay awake and be alert!” **We gather in expectation this day, as children of God’s light and love.** God calls out: “Come and share in my happiness!” **We gather in faith this day to worship our God.**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 694
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (vv. 1, 2, 4)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Merciful God, we are aware of the ways our faith falls short. In our pride, we wait too long to ask for Your help. In our self-absorption, we ask that our will, not Your will, be done. Even when You rescue us from our misery, we quickly return to our careless ways. Aware of these failures, we turn our eyes to You, trusting in Your love and mercy. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM

“Reap What You Sow” Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Marti Bessinger, piano
Laurin Townsend, soloist

II. GOD’S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd
As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
“Walking in the Light of God” (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, **ALL SING** . . . W. & S. No. 3163
“Walking in the Light of God” (first page only) [see screens]

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 150
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” (vv. 1, 2, 4)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30
“Behold, the wisdom of God’s Word!”
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY “Aligning Ourselves With God” Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 123 See Lectionary Insert

VIDEO CLIP promo for “The Star: A Journey To Christmas” See Screens
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE
VIDEO CLIP See Screens
promo for “Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph” (Advent study)

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD (8:30AM Service) U.M.H. No. 895
❖ “The Lord’s Prayer” (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD’S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Take My Life and Let It Be” arr. Powell
Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **Holy Living Source of every blessing, use these gifts for Your service, that the blessings we have received from Your hand my increase as they go forth to bring grace to the world. Make our hearts generous, we pray, for You have been generous with us. AMEN.**

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, LaVerna Reid, Chesney Broughton, John Fleming, Shelli Raines; Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Curtis Adkins (bro. of Cindy Penner), Bobby Cornelison.

Joys & Concerns—Family of Dick Knutson; Family of Elizabeth Blaylock; Chelsea Carter (surgery); Joyce Hamburger; Michele & Kim Hart; Alene Macaulay (recovering at home); Bryan Baxter (miraculous recovery; ask Stan or Barbara); Roger Bare (father of Chris White, stroke); Janis Lovell; Raymond McKellips; Alcy Wilkie (W’CORN); all state & world leaders/God’s wisdom; MAC Mary Morrison & crew of USS Wasp; Wanda Avant (Corn/Corn, #E-2); Linda & Gerald Stengl; Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (bro. of Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Betty Osmus; Kamdyn Taunton; Kristi Lamle; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 102

"Now Thank We All Our God" (all 3 vv.)

Please Bring Your "Estimate of Giving" Cards To The Chancel

VIDEO CLIP

See Screens

invite your friends & family to *"The Star: A Journey to Christmas"*

✠ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Go forth as children of light, as children of the day. Go into the world, knowing that God's gifts of faith, love, and hope shield you as you share those gifts with others. Sisters and brothers, go forth to share in God's joy!

Amen? **AMEN!**

✠❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3181

"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"

Peace, Salaam, Shalom. Peace, Salaam, Shalom.

Peace, Salaam. Shalom. Peace, Salaam. Shalom.

POSTLUDE

"God Be Praised"
Marti Bessinger, organ

Healey Willan



A man had two sons.
And he went to the first and said,
**"Son, go and work in
the vineyard today."**

MATTHEW 21:28

. Today is "Harvest Celebration Sunday." As a thank offering to God for our manifold blessings, please bring your "Estimate of Giving" care for 2018 to the "Harvest Bin" as we sing our closing hymn this morning. Extra giving cards are located at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

. You can now listen to the 10:30 service live on Coyote Radio via three stations . . . 100.3FM Coyote Classic; 1590AM Coyote Classic; or 95.5HD 2 Coyote Classic (you'll need an HD radio to get this; they can be purchased at the Coyote radio station). You may also watch the service live-streaming on our church's face book page.

. November is our month to volunteer at the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. Please call Jo Klingman to volunteer (772-2515) on a Mon. or Thurs. (1-4PM), 106 N. Broadway.

. Please sign-up in the Narthex today to help light the Advent Wreath in worship during December. Also, we need Holy Communion servers for Christmas Eve.

Coming Up . . .

, Next Sunday, November 26th . . .
"United Methodist Student Day" special offering received. 80% goes directly to our SWOSU Wesley Foundation; 20% goes to our General Bd. of Higher Education for U.M. student scholarships.

, Sunday, December 3rd . . .
--"First Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon"
--"Circle of Care" Foster Child speaker & special offering received
--4PM to 6PM: "Merry Little Christmas Carnival" in Fellowship Hall. Family-fun evening of Christmas memories.
--4PM to 5PM: Advent study begins in the Neonate Classroom, "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" by Rev. Dr. Adam Hamilton. Study books, \$15. Sign-up in the Narthex. Led by the pastor.

, Fri. & Sat. December 8th & 9th . . .
Sign-up to "Ring the Bell" at Wal-Mart for the Mission House

, Get your 2018 "Upper Room Disciplines" in the Narthex, \$10/copy.