



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK  
December 10, 2017  
8:30AM & 10:30AM

Second Sunday in Advent—Color is  
Purple

Liturgists: Joyce Teghtmeyer (8:30AM);  
Kelly Brack (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 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" 15<sup>th</sup> century French  
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 T.F.W.S. No. 2091  
"The King of Glory Comes" (v. 1 only)

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Faithful love and truth have met in this place. **Righteousness and peace have kissed in our midst.** Listen! God is speaking words of hope. **Christ is calling us into God's flock.** See! The glory of God shines all around us. The love of Christ flows through our lives. **Come! Let us worship!**

### ✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 213  
"Lift Up Ye Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (vv. 1, 3, 4)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert

Lighting of Purple Candle #2 . . . The Candle of Love  
"Moving Toward the Manger—In Those Days"  
Randy & Terri McCormick (8:30AM)  
Brenda & Charis Kimble, Chris White (10:30AM)

### ❖ ANTHEM

"Mary On A Mountain" John Carter  
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director  
Laurin Townsend, soloist  
Sophia Lee, piano

## 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]

OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 202  
"People Look East" (vv. 1, 3, 4)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:1-8  
"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 "The Star: A Journey of Love" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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 "Noel Nouvelet" Traditional French Carol  
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 . . . **O God, You have sheltered us in Your flock. You have gathered us in Your arms and lifted us into Your lap. May the gifts we offer You this day, reflect in some small measure, the immense gratitude we feel for the generosity of Your love. 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, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), 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 Cornelson, LaJuan McCraw, Betty Osmus, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Albert Seibold (lung cancer);

Joys & Concerns—Family of Joe Baxter; Airick with Terry Fuller; Wes Statser; Genevia Koch; Aimee Levy & family (remembering late grandson's 3<sup>rd</sup> b/d Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>); joy & thanks for Bryan Baxter's healing; Cheri & Gerald Payne (new residents of Brookdale, mother & step-dad of Kelley Ramey); Chelsea Carter (serious, post surgery); Joyce Hamburger; Michele & Kim Hart; Roger Bare (father of Chris White, stroke); Janis Lovell; Raymond McKellips; Alcy Wilkie (W/CORN); all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; Wanda Avant (Corn/Corn, #E-2); Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (bro. of Kim Blanton); Alexi Kelley; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Connor Altland; Kamdyn Taunton; Keri Strickler; 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. 220

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" (vv. 1, 2, 4)

VIDEO CLIP See Screens  
invite your friends & family to "The Star: A Journey to Christmas"

#### ✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Christ is coming soon. Love is on the way. But Christ is already here.  
**And love is all around us.** Faithful love and truth have met. **Righteousness and peace have kissed.** WE wait for the fullness of God's kingdom. **Christ is coming soon.** Get ready; be watching—Love is on the way!  
Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3050

"Until Jesus Comes" (sing 2 X)

Until Jesus comes, until Jesus comes,  
I'll be watching and waiting, until Jesus comes.  
Until Jesus comes, until Jesus comes,  
I'll be watching and waiting until Jesus comes.

POSTLUDE "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Michael Burkhart  
Marti Bessinger, organ

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your  
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in  
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -  
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -  
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de -  
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the  
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.



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, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> . . .

. 9:30AM - 10:15AM . . . "Fellowship Coffee Time" in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Connections Class for serving as Host. Join us for food, fun, & fellowship.

. 4:00PM . . . Session #2 with our Advent Study, "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph. Meet in the Neonate Classroom.

. 5:30PM . . . Gather on the east side parking lot for our annual hayride and Christmas caroling to all of our local care facilities. We will return to the Fellowship Hall afterwards for soup & hot chocolate.

#### Coming Up . . .

, Next Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> . . . Confirmation Sunday—We will have our 7 confirmands confirmed during the 10:30 service.

5:30PM—Musical Christmas Program, featuring our Chancel Choir, JuBELLation Handbell Choir, and the Children's Choir. Get your copy of THE STAR invitational brochure to share with friends & neighbors, which invites them to our Christmas Eve services. Copies are located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

, Get your FREE Advent Devotional booklet in the Narthex.

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

, Remember our Christmas Eve Schedule—8:30AM & 10:30AM worship services as usual Church School as usual

5PM & 11PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion. JuBELLation Handbell Choir will be playing at 5PM.

, Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> . . .

There will only be ONE worship service at 10:30AM on this day. No children's or youth Sunday School. Adult Sunday School is optional. Service will be informal, with lots of singing.