



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

December 17, 2017

8:30AM & 10:30AM

"Confirmation Sunday"

Third Sunday in Advent—Color is Purple

Liturgists: Joyce Tegtmeyer (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 "Mary Had A Baby" arr. Anna L. Page
JuBELLation Handbell Choir; Maxine Page, director

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
Rejoice always! **Rejoice in the One who loves justice.** Give thanks in all circumstances. **Give thanks to the One who loves justice.** Make straight the way of the Lord. **Prepare for the One who loves justice!**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 240
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (all 3 vv.)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert
Lighting of Pink Candle #3 . . . The Candle of Joy
"Moving Toward the Manger—The Word Became Flesh"
Harvey & Jean Minton (8:30AM)
Ty, Toni, Tyton, & Tyger Ray (10:30AM)

❖ ANTHEM "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow"
Children's Choir; Marti Bessinger, director

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 216
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (all 3 vv.)

❖ CONFIRMATION RITUAL U.M.H. No. 33
(See back page 3 for listing of Confirmands.)

✠ 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 Joy" Rev. Brack

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Jantz A. Black
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director
Charissa Berrong, soloist; Laurin Townsend, soloist
Sophia Lee, piano

✠ 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 Lord, You have done great things for us.
As we rejoice in Your blessings, let us also rejoice in the opportunity to
spread Your joy to others through these offerings. May these gifts help
transform our community and our world. May they bring Your kingdom of
justice, that we may all shout with joy! 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), Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.).

Joys & Concerns—Gratitude for church musicians during Advent/Christmas; Vernell Snider; Rain; Terry Fuller's son & grandson; continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Norma Bickford; Bill Krug; Woodie Kimble (Charis Kimble's grandpa); Kim/Jeff Short & all adversely affected by State Health Dept. lay offs; Joyce Hamburger; Janis Lovell; Raymond McKellips (Brookdale #106); 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 (parents of Kim Blanton); Alexi Kelley; Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); 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. 218

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" (vv. 1, 3, 4)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

The spirit of the Lord is upon each of us. **God is sending us to bring joy to the world.** The light of the Lord shines upon each of us. **God is sending us to bring light to the world.** The One who sends us is faithful, and is with us always. **Rejoice always! We go joyfully to bring justice to the world!**
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 *"O, Come All Ye Faithful"* Setting by Diane Bish
Marti Bessinger, organ

Confirmation Class of 2017 • Sacrament of Holy Baptism

HOLLIS KATHERINE BEAM

Daughter of Elizabeth Beam and Stephen Beam
Born December 26, 2005 in Oklahoma City, OK; Baptized May 22, 2011

WITTEN JACK BEAM

Son of Elizabeth Beam and Stephen Beam
Born December 26, 2005 in Oklahoma City, OK; Baptized May 22, 2011

SHELBY GRACE CALKINS (*)

Daughter of Travis Jon (T. J.) & Liz Calkins
Born September 17, 2005 in Weatherford, OK; Baptized December 17, 2017

LOGAN SCOTT DOYALS

Son of Todd & Darla Doyals
Born June 9, 2006 in Yukon, OK; Baptized October 29, 2006

TRISTAN DALE SHIREY (*)

Son of Steven & Lisa Clay and Billy Lloyd Shirey
Born April 13, 2000 in Weatherford, OK; Baptized December 17, 2017

TROY DEAN SHIREY (*)

Son of Steven & Lisa Clay and Billy Lloyd Shirey
Born April 13, 2000 in Weatherford, OK; Baptized December 17, 2017

ABIGAIL JANE WRIGHT

Daughter of Heston & Claudia Wright
Born January 26, 2005 in Oklahoma City, OK; Baptized May 2005



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 17th . . .

. Let us welcome the newest members of our church family . . . the Confirmation Class of 2017!

. 4:00PM . . . Session #3 with our Advent Study, *"Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph."* Meet in the Neonate Classroom.

. 5:30PM . . . Christmas Musical Program this evening at 5:30PM in the Sanctuary—featuring our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, JuBELLation Handbell Choir, and Troy Shirey & Johnathan Bodenstein, trumpet duet.

. Youth Group Fundraiser . . . Get your Christmas Pecans (logs & bags) in the west corridor by the Youth Lounge. They make great gifts—you must try the chocolate-covered pecans!

Coming Up . . .

, 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.

, Next Sunday, Christmas Eve Schedule—8:30AM & 10:30AM worship services as usual Church School as usual (check with teachers) 5PM & 11PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion. JuBELLation Handbell Choir will be playing at 5PM.

, Sunday, December 31st . . .

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.