



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Weatherford, OK
December 24, 2017
8:30AM & 10:30AM

“Christmas Eve”

Fourth 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 “In Dulci Jubilo” J. S. Bach
Marti Bessinger, organ
❖ “I Wonder As I Wander” John Jacob Niles
Skip Klingman, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist

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
May our souls magnify God. **May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.** God gives rest from all that afflicts us. **God goes with us wherever we go.** This is the God of mysteries, of prophecies, and promises. **This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.** May our souls magnify God. **May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 238
“Angels We Have Heard on High” (vv. 1, 2, 3)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert
Lighting of Purple Candle #4 . . . The Candle of Peace
“Moving Toward the Manger—Come, Lord Jesus”
Nic & Laurin Townsend, Catherine & Joyce; Rev. Torrey Curtis (8:30AM)
Liz, Shelby, & Skyler Calkins (10:30AM)

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]

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 16:25-27

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 221
“In the Bleak Midwinter” (vv. 1, 2, 3)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:26-38
“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 Peace” Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Luke 1:47-55 See Lectionary Insert

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD 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 “I Wonder as I Wander” John Jacob Niles
Skip Klingman, vocalist; Marti Bessinger, accompanist
❖ “In Dulci Jubilo” J. S. Bach
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 . . . **Mighty God, we offer these gifts to fulfill the great works You do. As you lift up the lowly, as You fill the hungry, and fulfill Your promises, make us Your servants—servants who rejoice in Your work. 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 & Butch Collins, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, 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—P.T.L. for John Harris being cancer free now; Joy for confirmations/baptisms; Rain; Chelsea Carter (surgery complications); Stan Baxter (auto accident); Joy for USS Wasp & crew arriving safely into the Pacific; Blaize Teague & his family Michael, Carissa, Ryder, & Lynnley; Michelle Hart; Terry Fuller’s son & grandson; continued healing for Bryan Baxter’s arm; 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. 250

"Once In Royal David's City" (vv. 1, 2, 3)

VIDEO CLIP See Screens

Invite your friends & family to our Candlelight Service this evening, 5P & 11P.

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

To God, who is able to strengthen you—to the God of prophecy, wisdom, mystery, and faith—to this God be glory forever and ever. Go in peace.

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 *"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"* Keith Chapman

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 24th . . .

. Remember our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with Holy Communion this evening. Two services for your convenience—5PM & 11PM.

JuBELLation Handbell Choir will be playing pre-service music as well as the Offertory and Sending Forth pieces.

Nursery will be available for the 5PM service.

Advent Wreath Lighting—

5PM: Roger & Cindy Penner

11PM: Dolores Davidson, Dorothy & Mason Erban

Holy Communion Servers—

5PM: Jodi Kincaon & Joyce Teghtmeyer;

Kellynn & Tori Brack; Carol & Harold Wright

11PM: Randy & Terri McCormick

Coming Up . . .

, The Learning Tree Preschool will be closed Monday, Dec. 25th & Tuesday, Dec. 26th. The church office will also be closed.

, Next 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.