



**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
December 3, 2017
8:30 & 10:30AM
1st Sunday of Advent
Color is Purple

Liturgists: Joyce Teghtmeyer(8:30);
Kelly Brack (10:30)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able ✧ 10:30AM Service Only

I. ENTRANCE

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*
The Greeting & Opening Prayer Rev. Brack

Prelude "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Pachelbel
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✠✧ Gathering Song T.F.W.S. No. 2091
"The King of Glory Comes" (v. 1 only)

✠ WORDS OF GATHERING & PRAISE

Watch and wait; look for the Star. Christ is coming soon. **Christ is with us now.** Look and see the Star; God's creative power is close at hand. **God's power is with us here.** Stop and notice the Star; God has a plan to form our lives anew. **God is re-creating us each and every day, re-forming us in the image of love.**

✠ PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 196
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (both vv.)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert

Lighting of Purple Candle #1 . . . The Candle of Hope
"God So Loved The World"

Carol & Harold Wright (8:30AM); Steve, Laci, Hannah, & Ella Strickler (10:30AM)

✧ ANTHEM "Waiting" Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophie Lee, accompanist;

II. PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

✧ 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]

CIRCLE OF CARE MOMENT Raquel Razien
Family Specialist with our Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37
"Behold! The Wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ THE GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

HOMILY "The Star: A Journey of Hope" Rev. Brack

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS & OURSELVES
PASTORAL PRAYER

III. THANKSGIVING and HOLY COMMUNION

Steward: Carol Paxton
Servers: Joyce Teghtmeyer, Kelly Brack, Logan Doyals, Troy Shirey

A SERVICE OF WORD and TABLE II U.M.H. No. 12

PASSING OF THE PEACE Sharing signs of love and reconciliation

OFFERTORY "Basque Noel" Norman Warren
Marti Bessinger, organ

SPECIAL OFFERING TODAY | "Oklahoma Circle of Care" See Insert

✠ DOXOLOGY "From Whom All Blessings Flow" 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!**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
8:30AM Service . . . U.M.H. No. 15
✧ 10:30AM Service . . . Musical Setting "D" U.M.H. Nos. 23-24

GIVING THE BREAD and CUP

✧ HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. 719, 626, 206, 202
[✧ To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray together . . .
People: **Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us, that we may be prepared with the Star of Hope for Your Kingdom. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **Hear our prayers!**

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Dick Knutson, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Joyce, Craig Dobrinski & John Harris, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Butch Collins, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, Cleta Sims, LaVerna Reid, Chesney Broughton, John Fleming, Alcy Wilkie (W/CORN), Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Curtis Adkins, Bobby Carnelson, LaJuan McCraw, Betty Osmus, 34 y/o son of Terry Fuller.

Toys & Concerns—Family of Shelli Raines (had been on our cancer care list); Meghan & Yaw Asamoah (loss of their 21 mo. old son due to heart condition; niece of Kim Arganbright); Dr. Kim Arganbright as he prepares for retirement; Joyce Hamburger (medical); Carol Tobler, McCreia Courtney; Connor Altland, Laci Strickler (blood sugar); Carolyn Roulet (shoulder surgery Dec. 6th); Janis Lovell; Raymond McKellips; all world leaders; Bryan Baxter; Those struggling with marital issues; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard; All care-givers serving loved ones; Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Karen & Kenny Day; Kamdyn Taunton; Hannah Bockelman; Kirk Milligan; Tyler Hoffman; KeriAynn Strickler; Kristi Lamle; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger; Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

IV. SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP (8:30AM only) U.M.H. No. 206
"I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light" (all 3 vv.)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Watch out, but wait with hope. **God is all around!** Pay attention; something is happening. **Christ is coming soon!** Wake up and notice the Star. **Christ is with us even now!** 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 "Savior of the Nations, Come" 16th century
Marti Bessinger, organ



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, Sunday December 3, 2017 . . .

. Welcome to RAQUEL RAZIEN, Family Specialist with our Oklahoma Circle of Care, officed in Woodward. Raquel is sharing with us an update on the child foster care program through Circle of Care—special offering.

. Please remember to return your 2018 "Estimate of Giving Card" to our Harvest Bin out in the Narthex—extra cards available.

. Join us for "First Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon" in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 today. Raquel will be sharing more information on our child foster care program as we eat today.

. Come join the family fun & fellowship from 4PM to 6PM in our Fellowship Hall with the "Merry Little Christmas Carnival."

. Session #1 with our Advent study, "Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," begins today 4PM to 5PM in the Neonate Classroom.

Sign-ups & Service Opportunities . . .

1. Get your FREE Advent devotional booklet in the Narthex.
2. Get your 2018 "Upper Room Disciplines" for 2018 at \$10/copy in the Narthex.
3. Sign-up to be a BELL RINGER at Wal-Mart for the Mission House, Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8 & 9, during the hours of 4PM and 8PM.
4. Purchase new, unwrapped gifts for girls between the ages of 8 & 12 for "Caring & Sharing" at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on Saturday, Dec. 9th.
5. Sign-up to help volunteer staff our gift table for girls ages 8-12 at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center for "Caring & Sharing" on Sat., Dec. 9th, 9AM to Noon.
6. A few more sign-up opportunities to help "Light the Advent Wreath", especially on Christmas Eve.
7. Sign-up to help be a Holy Communion Server during one of the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5PM or 11PM.
8. Sign-up to make a pot of homemade soup for our Christmas carolers when they return from nursing home caroling on Sun., Dec. 10th.