



**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
Weatherford, OK  
November 26, 2017  
8:30AM & 10:30AM

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Kingdomtide**  
**"CHRIST THE KING 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 "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"  
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  
Enter God's gates with gladness. **Enter God's courts with praise.** For we are God's people, **the sheep of God's pasture.** Serve God with joyful hearts. **Love God by showing justice and mercy.** Enter God's gates with gladness. **Enter God's courts with praise.**

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL  
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 61  
*"Come, Thou Almighty King" (vv. 1, 2, 4)*  
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Together, let us confess . . . **Loving Shepherd, we have not always reached out to the lost and scattered sheep of Your flock. We praise You with our lips, while averting our eyes from the hungry and those who suffer from lack of shelter and warmth. We lift up our eyes to the starry heavens, while turning our gaze from the homeless and those who cannot help themselves. Help us see others with the eyes of our Shepherd, that we might be Your loving presence in the world. AMEN.**

❖ ANTHEM "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart"  
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano  
(see T.F.W.S. No. 2036 for lyrics)

**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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3140  
*"Give Me Jesus"* (all 4 vv.)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46  
*"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 "Lord, When Did We Ever See You . . ." Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 100 See Lectionary Insert

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  
**Remember . . . 80% of your special gift today goes directly to our SWOSU Wesley Foundation Student Center**

OFFERTORY

✠ 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 . . . **Gentle Shepherd, may the gifts we bring this day—be nourishment for a hungry world, be clothing and shelter for those in need, be compassion for those who are hurting. Bless these offerings, that they may help those in need, and that they may remind us of who we are really helping. With gratitude, we pray. 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 Cornelson, LaJuan McCraw, Betty Osmus.

**Joys & Concerns**—Spiritual strength in the face of spiritual attacks on our family; Cheri & Gerald Payne as they transition to Brookdale (mother & step-dad of Kelley Ramey); 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; Kamdyn Taunton; Kristi Brown-Lamle; Chloe Brown (newborn of Matt & Kira Brown); 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. 433  
 "All Who Love and Serve Your City" (vv. 1, 3, 5)

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

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING  
 Seek the lost and heal the injured. **We will encourage the fainthearted and strengthen the weak.** Seek justice, but love mercy. **We will share God's justice through the grace of Christ's mercy.**  
 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 "Glory To God in the Highest"  
 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

. We are receiving a special General Church offering today for "United Methodist Student Day." Remember—80% of your gift today will go directly to our SWOSU Wesley Foundation Student Center! Let's do all we can to support our Wesley!

. You're invited to come help us sing during our devotional service today at 2PM with our friends at WeatherCORN Nursing Home.

Coming Up . . .  
 , Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> . . .  
 --"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.

- Sign-ups & Service Opportunities . . .
1. Merry Little Christmas Carnival on Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up for cookies, hot chocolate, marshmallows, and game staffing.
  2. Get your FREE Advent Devotional booklet in the Narthex.
  3. Advent Study, "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph," begins Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4-5PM in the Neonate Room. Books are \$15. Just a few remaining!
  4. Get your 2018 "Upper Room Disciplines" for 2018 at \$10/copy in the Narthex.
  5. Sign-up to be a BELL RINGER at Wal-Mart for the Mission House, Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8 & 9, during the hours of 4PM to 8PM.
  6. Purchase new, unwrapped gifts for girls between the ages of 8 & 12 for "Caring & Sharing" at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
  7. Sign-up to help volunteer staff our gift table for girls ages 8-12 at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center for "Caring & Sharing" on Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9AM to Noon.
  8. Sign-up in the Narthex to help with Lighting of the Advent Wreath in worship on the 4 Sundays in Advent, both services.
  9. Sign-up to help be a Holy Communion Server during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, either 5PM or 11PM.
  10. Sign-up to make a pot of homemade soup for our Christmas Carolers when they return from nursing home caroling on Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.