

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Weatherford, OK*

*First Sunday in Advent*

**December 2, 2018 -- 8:30AM & 10:30AM**

*Liturgists: Joyce Teghtmeyer (8:30AM); Logan Doyals (10:30AM)*

**\* Please Stand As You Are Able. ♦ 10:30AM Service Only**

Words of Welcome

Meet & Greet

♦ Gathering Song "Wait for the Lord" #3049

Opening Prayer & Announcements & Friendship Books

Chimes

Prelude "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Samuel Barber  
Organ and Brass Choir

Opening Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads" #213

\*Bringing in the Light Acolytes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert

Lighting of Purple Candle #1 . . . The Candle of  
"Darkness and Light"  
Harold and Carol Wright (8:30AM)  
Nic, Laurin, Catherine, & Joyce Townsend (10:30AM)

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: In Advent we celebrate the coming of the Promised One, the One in whom dwells the spirit of God.

**People: The spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

Leader: The spirit of counsel and might,

**People: The spirit of knowledge and awe.**

Leader: Let us bear witness to your fulfillment of this promise in Jesus, by letting the spirit that was in him be in us also.

Hymn of Praise "Gentle Shepherd" #3096  
(children to come forward on the closing verse)

Children's Moment

♦ Hymn of Preparation "There's No One in This World Like Jesus" #3036  
(children return to seats)

\* The Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36  
Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

\* Gloria Patri #70

♦ Chancel Choir Anthem "We Are Here, God Is Here" by Pepper Choplin

The Homily "Get Ready for the Celebration" Rev. Margo Vestal

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts  
Offertory "Isn't He" by John Wimber  
Helen Swearingin, Piano

\*Doxology #94

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**O God, in Jesus you revealed to us your spirit. Now send your spirit upon us. Too long we have judged by the sight of our eyes and decided by the hearing of our ears. Too long we have shunned wisdom and understanding. Now we pray for the descent of your spirit, that we might see with our eyes, hear with our ears, and understand with our hearts. Then we shall turn from ourselves to you and our neighbors. Amen**

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

8:30AM Service . . . U.M.H. No. 15

10:30AM Service . . . TABLE II U.M.H. No. 12-15

Musical Setting "D" U.M.H. No. 23-24

GIVING THE BREAD and CUP

♦ **HOLY COMMUNION HYMNS Nos. #211, #216, #221, #206**

To Be Sung as the Loaf and Cup are Shared With Those at the Holy Table

Closing Hymn 8:30 only - "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" #3051 (1<sup>st</sup> verse)

Benediction

◆ \*Parting Song & Recessional "A Star Shone Bright" #3051

Postlude "Good King Wenceslas" arr. John Stainer

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Coming Events

**Today, December 2:**

11:45am: Potluck Lunch  
4:00pm Christmas Carnival  
4:00pm Advent Study

**Saturday, December 8:**

6:00pm Staff Christmas Party  
6:00pm Neonate Christmas Party

**Monday, December 3:**

5:30pm Trustees

*The Apportionment Tree is up, please prayerfully take a card for your additional Pledge for 2019.*

**Wednesday, December 5:**

4:30pm Handbells  
5:30pm Children's WW  
6:00pm WOW  
6:30pm Youth/HS Disciple  
6:45pm Chancel Choir

**Advent Events**

- Dec. 9 @ 5:30pm: Caroling
- Dec. 15 9am-12pm Caring and Sharing
- Dec. 16 @ 10:30am "Christmas Presence" (1 Service only)
- Dec. 16 @ 6:30pm: "Carriers of the Light" Children/Bells Program

**Friday, December 7:**

4-7:00pm Ringing of the Bells @ Walmart

**† OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY †**

**All those living with cancer**—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelson, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Gloria Loken, Janice Dupree, Rev. Ken Tobler, Donna Bradford, Charles Dillard; Dr. John Huser Sr.; Cindy Dougherty; Ronnie Chadwick.

**Joys & Concerns**— Family of Kay Tautfest; James, Jason, Armando; Those affected by California Fires; Stony Lockstone; Rev. Norton Scrimshire; Carl Stephenson; Hannah Strickler and Family; Our Pastor; State & Nation Leaders All suffering from Cancer & other illnesses; Cherie Payne (Brookdale); Amber Trogdon; Austin Trogdon; Marilyn Ramey (mother of Royce); Jimi Drue Blagowski (Deployment).