

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 23, 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 "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman" June Nixon

* Bringing in the Light Acolytes

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH See Insert

Lighting of Purple Candle #4 . . . The Candle of
"Light Restored"

Randy & Terri McCormick (8:30AM)

Shane, Melissa, Chandler, & Blakely Jackson (10:30AM)

* Call to Worship:

Leader: First-born of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth, born lowly, yet born to be a Savior,
Savior of the world:

**People: May all nations see the Savior's face, the face that loves us into justice and
sharing..**

Leader: Savior of the church:

**People: May we who are disciples see the Savior's face, the face that loves us into
community.**

Leader: Savior of the human heart:

People: May each of us see the Savior's face, the face that loves us into compassion.

UNISON PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

***Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest, and may our lives by you be blest. Come,
God-with-us, and free us from the false claims of the empires of this world. We are
lonely for you and your peace. Come, Emmanuel, and dwell with us, make us your
people indeed, the people through whom you bring love and justice to the world.
Come Jesus, and reign; claim your rightful place in our hearts and in the midst of our
community. Plant the seeds of hope among us. Establish God's reign on earth. For
we pray as you taught us that God's reign might come in fullness on earth.***

Hymn of Praise "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 234 (1,2,3)
(children to come forward on the closing verse)

Children's Moment

♦ Hymn of Preparation "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230 (vs. 1,2,4)
(children return to seats)

* The New Testament Lesson Luke 1:26-38
Leader: And this is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

* Gloria Patri #70

The Homily "Unwrapping Christmas" Rev. Margo Vestal

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts
Offertory "Mary Did You Know" Lowry & Green
Michael and Charissa Berrong, vocalists

*Doxology #94

* Hymn of Discipleship "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 (vs. 1,3,4)

* Benediction

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

Postlude "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Anna Laura Page

Youth are still selling Nuts!! There are several varieties left.
Stop by the table and make a selection, great for gifts and baking with.

Coming Events

Today, December 23:

4:00pm Advent Study

Monday, December 24:

Office Closed (Dec. 24-25)

5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

11:00pm Christmas Eve Service

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

Up Coming Events

- December 30-31 Office Closed

‡ 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, 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 Marilyn Ramey, (Mother of Royce Ramey); Terry Widener; Wanda Avant; Carol Dillard; James, Jason, Armando; Those affected by California Fires and Hurricane Michael; Stony Lockstone; Rev. Norton Scrimshire; Carl Stephenson; Hannah Strickler and Family; Our Pastor; State & Nation Leaders All suffering from illnesses; Cherie Payne (Brookdale); Amber Trogdon; Austin Trogdon; Jimi Drue Blagowski (Deployment).