



## \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Words by  
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Music by  
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Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus,  
born - to set thy peo - ple free; from our  
sins and fears re - lease us;  
let us find our rest in thee.

Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.**

Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.**

Advent is a time to renew our determination.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.**

Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

**We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of the scripture that through Christ, we have hope. Forgive our lack of faith and restore in our hearts the assurance that your love can conquer the tyranny of injustice in a broken world. We pray today that you would strengthen our faith in your mercy and righteousness so we can live in hope every day of our lives. Amen.**

### \*THE PEACE

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, let us be reconciled to each other. Please greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Affirmation From 1 Timothy**

No. 889

### CALL TO PRAYER

Psalm 24

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

### MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45 AM)

Shine On Our World Today  
Chancel Choir

Joshua Metzger

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

PSALTER

Psalm 80 *Qui Regis Israel*  
Chancel Chanters

Jonathan Battishill

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Creator of the Stars at Night

arr. Wilbur Held

\*DOXOLOGY

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

\*HYMN OF FAITH

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

No. 196

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal God, make ready our hearts in the hearing of your word for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

(Page 50 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Mark 13:24-37

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

WAITING FOR A SAVIOR

Rev. Net Gerber

**WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**Blessed Be the God of Israel**

No. 209

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (stanza 1) No. 211

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*POSTLUDE

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

arr. Wilbur Held

*\*The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin*

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in memory of Jean Mason by Betty Daverse and in memory of Carol Pyle by the Pyle Family.

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim “Stu” Stewart by Stu’s family.

**WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:**

- LITURGIST:** - Br. James Caffrey, Jr., OSL
- ACOLYTE:** - Angel Sinick
- ALTAR GUILD:** - MaryLou Fitzgerald
- COFFEE HOUR:** - Karen Pershing                      NEXT WEEK: Ed & Sue Meadows
- GREETERS:** - Ed Meadows & Laurel Sedlacko (8:30)
- Laurel Sedlacko (10:45)    NEXT WEEK: Tracy Barr
- SOUND SYSTEM:** - Jordan Hirst
- TECH TEAM:** - Jan Stewart (8:30)    Cheryl Lennert (10:45)
- USHERS:** - Bill Conrad and George Fagert (8:30)
- Bob Bloom; Sam Detar; Harry Fox; Tim Willcox

**Please lift our friends and church family in prayer:**

Our shut-ins, those in military service and all with special needs: (Please write prayer concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)

**Prayer & Health Concerns:** Lois Wise; Ginny Grandey; Dave Grandey; Family of Joe DePrimio and Eileen Trout; Steve Long; Rilla Nash; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Michelle Perkins; Mario Perkins; Spouse; children; grandchildren; those affected by acts of violence in our country; and our country.

**Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home and care center members:**

- Paramount Sr. Living: Charles (Dick) Smith
- Brookdale Latrobe: Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
- Greensburg Care Center: Alice Murphy
- RNC: Ann Redd
- Weatherwood Manor: Helen Wolfgang
- Home: Art Faust, Charleen Ringler

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

- Sun. 12/3            Read - Mark 13:1-23  
                         8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary -Communion  
                         9:00 AM - Children's Chimes-Chapel  
                         9:30 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School  
                         9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary  
                         6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Youth Group
- Mon. 12/4            Read - Mark 13:24-37  
                         **NO Trustees Meeting**  
                         7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room  
                         6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
- Tues. 12/5            Read- Isaiah 7:1-25  
                         9:30 AM - Bible Study: *The Book of Leviticus* - Library  
                         5:00 PM-7:00 PM - USDA Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- Wed. 12/6            Read - Isaiah 42:1-17  
                         12:00 Noon - 1st Advent Service and Lunch-Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall  
                         6:00 PM-Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible* -Library  
                         7:30 PM-UMF Account Review - Fellowship Hall  
                         8:15 PM-Finance & Stewardship-Library  
                         8:15 PM-Trustees Meeting-Lounge
- Thurs. 12/7            Read - Isaiah 44:1-28  
                         11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
                         6:00 PM-Food Bank Set-up-Fellowship Hall  
                         6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters  
                         6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers  
                         7:30 PM - Chancel Choir
- Fri. 12/8            Read - Isaiah 48:1-22  
                         8:30 AM-Food Bank-Fellowship Hall
- Sat. 12/9            Read - Isaiah 49:1-13  
                         7:00 PM-Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary - Irwin Male Chorus



**EKKLESIA – A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG**  
**SATURDAY - 7 PM - December 9, 2017**  
**FEATURES: IRWIN MALE CHORUS**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION ANNUAL ACCOUNT REVIEW** is December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend. The Rev. Ed Bailey, Executive Director, will review all of the church's accounts that are held by the Foundation. Immediately following the Account Review, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Lounge and the Finance & Stewardship Committee will meet in the Library.

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING:** A signup sheet is available in the Sanctuary Hall for families who would like to light the Advent wreath during worship.

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS** for the month of DECEMBER is WORLD PEACE.

**ANGEL TREE:** There are angels on the Angel Tree. Please find it in your heart to provide a special gift to someone less fortunate. All gifts or monetary gifts are due in by December 3rd. Wrapping supplies (gifts bags, boxes, wrapping paper, bows, ribbon, tape, gift tags) are also needed for the wrapping party on Tuesday, December 19th. Thank you for your support of this mission.

**SPARK MISSION TEAM** is once again collecting new or very gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. We also are collecting new socks (any size). These items will be distributed during the cold weather months to those in need. A box has been provided in the hallway to collect these items.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 6th. Forms are available in the media rack.

**CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING COURSE:** At 6 PM Saturday, December 9, the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department will host a three-hour church security training course by Rodney Smith of the Georgia Firearms and Security Training Academy (<https://psmag.com/news/church-shootings-are-becoming-much-more-common>). Donations will be accepted. The course, which is open to all churches, pastors and lay members, will cover such aspects as situational awareness, less-than-lethal defense and active threat

***LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.***

## Welcome to Greensburg First United Methodist Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC this morning. Greensburg First is a place for real people with real lives to develop and nurture a real faith. We have authentic relationships, relevant messages, and are committed to raising up the next generation as disciples of Jesus Christ.. We want you to know that you are loved and accepted here. Feel free to worship with us regularly and to fully participate in all our activities. If you are new to our community or are looking for a church home, please make it a point to meet one of the pastors before you leave the building. Also, help us get to know you by signing the welcome tablet. We will be happy to help you learn more about Greensburg First UMC.

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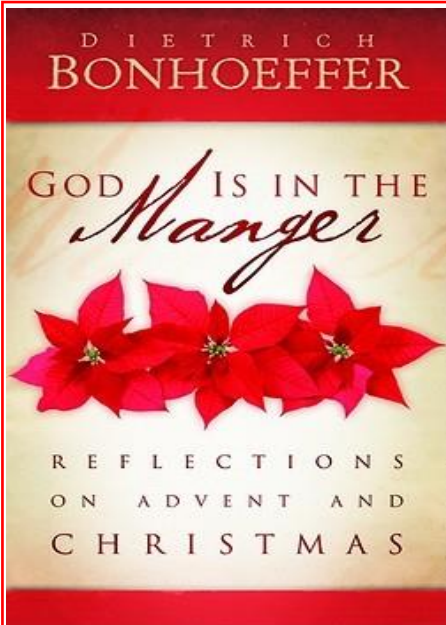
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**Bible Studies meet weekly in the Library. Tuesdays  
at 9:30 AM - The Book of Leviticus**

**Wednesdays at 6:00 PM - Making Sense of the Bible**





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**Friday, December 15 at 7:00 PM**  
**First United Methodist Church of Greensburg**

