

Faith United Methodist Church

December 20, 2020



Fourth Sunday in Advent

Centering

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:11-12

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Music

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. Come, Lord Jesus.

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love. Come, Lord Jesus.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we mark this time of preparation enlighten our hearts and dispel the darkness. Fill us with your light to reflect your glory Lord Jesus.

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emanuel. **Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Music

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:6

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations.

Scripture Reading

John 1:9

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Special Music

Witness

Enlightens Everyone

Joys & Concerns

Prayers for the World

God of the ages, we praise you, for in the dawn of time you created the world, sending light by your Word to dispel darkness. In Jesus Christ you began a new creation, sending him to be the Light of the world, to drive away fear and despair, and to rule in peace and justice, holiness and love.

Especially we thank you

for the order and beauty of your creation . . .

for coming in Jesus Christ to share our human life . . .

for the place you give us in your continuing creation . . .

for the promise of peace among nations, and justice for all peoples . . .

for the Church as the sign of your coming kingdom . . .

Mighty God, prepare the world for your rule, for we long for the day when there shall be no more crying or tears, and death will be destroyed. Help us to share the ministry of Christ and be agents of his compassion.

Especially we pray

for the nations of the earth and peace in the world . . .

for victims and survivors of violence . . .

for those who are sick and suffering . . .

for our family and friends . . .

for the Church and those who serve in Christ's name . . .

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

Music

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, bear the light of Christ in all that you say and do. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen.

Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
Dolores Anderson
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio
Linda Bergen
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Jean Brooks
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Jared Castolenia
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield
Jimmy & Emily Davis
Bobby Dean

Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Julie Duplichan
Keven Dupre
Joe Floyd
Lorene Green
Rachel Grimmitt
Connie Hebert
MaryJo Hebert
Danny & Kelsey Hurych
David Hurych
Edna & Raymond Jones
Alice Kethley
Leon Kethley
Kristie Key
Clyde Landry
Gail Lauve
Christi Leblanc
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Orianna Marchand
Matt Markos
Barbara Martin
Lloyd Martin
Joseph McGee
Linda Meyers
Maribeth Moore
Jimmy Mott
Ron & Michelle Mueller
Joyce Murphy

Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim Padgett
John & Candance Perkins
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Alfred Pierson
Mercedes Pierson
Justin Plake
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Ezekiel Romero
Joann Savelle
Kathleen Sharp
Jim & Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
James Sowell
Kim Streed
Bob Taylor
Sadina Hammock Ward
Mary Alice Weitzel
Mary Rose Williams
Gail Wright
Greta Zeralsky



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We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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