WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Strength in Stillness* Matt Schinske

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

* Call to Worship Elder Randi Harbin

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Our salvation is nearer to us now that when we first believed;
The night is far gone, the day is near.
We worship as we wait.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #81

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:
Doug and Randi Harbin

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days.
When the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. Come Lord Jesus.

Call to Confession Randi Harbin

Prayer of Confession Unison

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

*Hymn *Prepare the Way of the Lord* #95

*Assurance of Pardon Pastor Truesdell

*Hymn #143 v. 4 Unison

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, worship Christ, the coming King.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Truesdell

Prayer of Illumination Unison

First Reading Isaiah 64: 1-9 pg. 742 Randi Harbin

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 pg. 1128 Randi Harbin

Anthem

Third Reading Mark 13: 24-37 pgs. 1006-1007 Pastor Truesdell

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon No Fear in His Coming Pastor Truesdell

WE RESPOND TO GODS GRACE

*The Apostles' Creed Unison

*Hymn *While We Are Waiting, Come* #92

Prayers of The People Pastor Truesdell

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory *Thanks for the Blessings You Give* John Turner

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Truesdell

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #88 v. 1 & 2

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Truesdell

*Postlude *Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It* Arr. Molly Ijames

*Stand if you are able

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)
Doris Welch (Home)
Dean Steele
Susie Fogg (Home)
Sharon Massey
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)
Duane Counter (Healing)
Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Jac Catlett
Diane Lynn (Health)
Gale Cottles (Healing)
Lyle Family (Mourning)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army
Adam Naves - Marines
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard
Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard
Billy Nelson- Air Guard
Sean Miller - Army
Damien Williams - Army
Joshua Hargrove – Deployed
Terrance Wilson- Deployed
Joshua Wilcox - Marines

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and back, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michae & Gail Cottles)
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)
Judy Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Sue Guyer (Healing, sister of Bonny Noel)
Macie Garrett (Healing/Fractured Knee, 12 years old, great-niece of Christy Arnett)
Evelyn Walker (Health/Healing, daughter of Sarah Pearson Walker)
Maureen Mathes (Healing/Health, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Margaret Gray (Health, mother of Travis Gray)
Mary Roper (Healing, family of Matt Robinson)
Heather Hopcraft (Health/ Healing, comfort, family of Matt Robinson)
Cindy Richardson (Health, sister of Kevin Richardson)
Claude McKee (Health, Family of Jan Ruth)
Jesse Saunders (Health, Friend of Jan Ruth)
Deon Hargrove (Healing from MRSA Infection, Sister of DeAnna McNeill)
Candace Brooks (Healing/cancer, student of Cindy Witt)
Holly Coffman (Health, Joyce Amptmeyer's niece)

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12. Stop by the Farmer's Market and see how we raise funds for people in need.
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00.

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Trustee:	David Whitten
Class of 2028:	Hal Baker
	Brad Greene
	Sharon Hand
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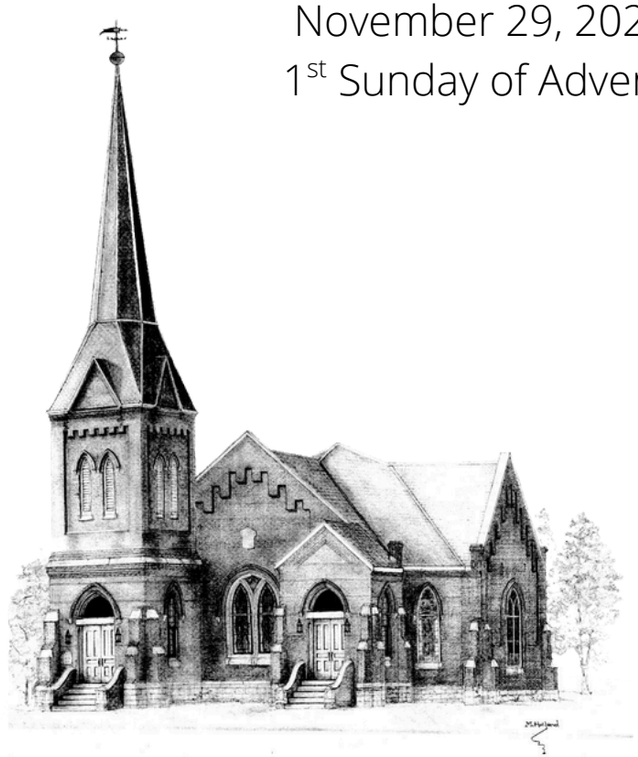
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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God .
To sign up for flowers, please call the church office.



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1st Sunday of Advent



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