



# United Methodist Church of Antioch

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

**PRELUDE**            Noël for Flute Stops

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship, 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am AA 8-9pm/White Rm
Mon, Dec 11	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Tues, Dec 12	UMCAP 9am-2pm; Board Mtg 2:15 W. Hall Advent Book Study 6:30pm/All Saints Rm AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Wed, Dec 13	UMCAP 9am-2pm AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Thurs, Dec 14	UMCAP 9am-2pm Griefshare 1-3pm/All Saints Rm PC Gatherings 7pm/Zoom AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Fri, Dec 15	AA 10-11am AA 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm
Sat, Dec 16	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Sun, Dec 17	Worship, 8am & 10:30am Choir/Sunday School, 9:15am Handbell Choir Debut/Both services AA 8-9pm/White Rm

*~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-A big thank you to the decorating crew who volunteered their time to decorate inside and outside the church. Everything looks amazing and inviting.

-The Missions Committee would like to thank all of you who sponsored gifts for Kids Above All. Your generous efforts are much appreciated. We would also like to thank Dan and Janet Fluck and Tom Kessell for the delivery of these items. Happy Holidays and God Bless you all.

-We need 9 readers for our 9:15am service (only one service) Sun, Dec 31. Please sign up in Wesley Hall if you are able to help. Thank you!

-Today only, please pick up your Christmas letters in Wesley Hall. Leftover letters will be mailed to the address we have on file. Additionally, you are welcome to grab a few welcome cards with our holiday worship times to share with friends and family. They are located at the front entrance, by the Christmas letters, and at the usher's stand.

-Christmas Eve worship will be at 5pm and 7pm. The 5pm service will be family-friendly and the 7pm service will be more traditional with Communion.

-The preschool's silent auction continues this week with the following items: 3 mugs, each containing a Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks gift card along with an elf and an assortment of treats; an arts and crafts theme basket which includes an Etch-A-Sketch and a Spirograph; and a Paddington Bear gift basket. These would make great Christmas gifts!

-The last session of "Surviving the Holidays" is this Thursday, Dec 14 in the All Saints Room from 1-3 PM. There is no charge for the session. Please call Judy Degand 847-833-1529 or Barbara Cantrell 847-804-0361 to register.

- Christmas Eve poinsettias have been ordered for our sanctuary. As per tradition, you may make an offering toward the flowers of any amount in honor of a loved one. Please print clearly the name and "in honor of" or "in memory of." Mark your envelope "flowers." The names of those honored will be in our bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please turn your names into the office by Dec. 17. Plants will be available to take home following the 7pm Christmas Eve service.



The Church Nursery is available for children 4 years and under. Please speak to an usher if you need nursery care. We follow our Safe Sanctuary policy, a copy of which is available in the nursery room. Also, children's activity folders are available by the Usher's stand.

# LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:00am service      Walt & Carol Cichonski

10:30am service    Ed & Joyce Laudenslager

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Unison)

*Spoken after Reader 2 “...We long for ...just peace.”*

**We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

## MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

**The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God’s love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.**

*\* Invites you to stand as you are able or to sit with gusto!*

## **\*WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

**L:** Waiting makes us uncomfortable. We don’t know exactly how things will turn out and so we get nervous along the way.

**P:** The prophet says that God will send us comfort in our time of distress.

**L:** We will do our best to learn to rest in Jesus’ arms, no matter the circumstances.

**P:** These are challenging days, but we will focus on Jesus’ call for our lives.

**\*HYMN Red Hymnal #211**     *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**O God, who is our Refuge, we thank you for being a safe place for us to find ourselves when the world is upside down and backwards. Help us to feel your loving arms wash away all that we cannot control to help us see a new way forward. As we wait, we long for your comfort. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the One for whom we wait. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**HYMN Green Hymnal #3048**

*View the Present through the Promise*

View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.  
Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.  
Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing in the hope past hope's conceiving:  
Christ will come again.

Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.  
Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.  
Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.

Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.  
Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.  
Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating to the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.

## **WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)**

**Holy Child, the One for whom we are preparing, we ask you to guide our thinking, our praying, and our hoping. Focus our eyes and ears in these moments as we hear your Scriptures read and interpreted so that we might have a greater understanding. May our time together with you help us all to be more prepared for your coming. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**L:** The word of God for the people of God.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

**REFLECTION**

Rev. Katie Voigt

Comfort, O Comfort My People

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 10:30am Service

UMCA Choir

*Advent Prayer*

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**Joys/Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

## **THE 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.**

**OFFERTORY**     *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

### **\*DOXOLOGY #95**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### **\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

**Almighty God, we enter this season from a chaotic world filled with violence, division, and injustice. We hear your prophet Isaiah promising comfort – then John the Baptist calling us to construction projects. We are reminded we are called to prepare the way, to be the designers of peace, the builders of justice, the producers of kindness. As we bring our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that our giving continues to point to the Christ who comes in love and compassion. May our giving in this season reflect our hope for the promised kingdom to reign in our world. We pray this in the name of the Messiah, Jesus our Savior. Amen.**



**\*CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #210**

*All Earth is Waiting*

**\*WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: The tumultuous world makes us want to run and hide.

**P: God sends us comfort in our times of fear so that we might know that God is in control.**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**P: And also, with you. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*Red* indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

*Black* indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Dec 3, 2023**

8:00am -36

10:30am -62

General Fund: \$8,333

Missions: \$78

Building: \$200

Boiler: \$130

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Today**

**Dec 17**

### **Greeters**

8:00am	Shelby Wais	Vicki Walker
10:30am	Sally Rodgers	Pat Calkins

### **Ushers**

8:00am	Irv Metz	Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	Dan Fluck

### **Soundboard**

8:00am	Walt Cichonski	Denny Sathoff
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Isaac Platzbecker

### **Liturgists**

8:00am	Denny Sathoff	Wayne Buck
10:30am	Jeannine Leonhart	Judy Tetour

### **Coffee Servers**

8:00am	Dave & Dawn V	Denny & Leta S
10:30am	Margaret Zaller Caroline Adams	Carol Frazier Rae Family

### **Church Openers**

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### **Advent Readers**

8:00am	Walt & Carol Cichonski	Judy Degand Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Ed & Joyce Laudenslager	Tom & Robin Kessell

## Notes:

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## **Please Note:**

**Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to [editorumca@gmail.com](mailto:editorumca@gmail.com)**

Next deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup> for the January newsletter.

*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*