



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

A Time Together

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel
with Moonlight Sonata*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today Worship, 8am & 10:30am
 Sunday School/Choir/
 Church Chat, 9:15am
 Lakes Area Community Band
 Christmas Concert, 2pm/
 Wesley Hall
- Wed, Dec. 15 PEO, 11-3pm/Wesley Hall
 Trustees Mtg, 6:30pm/Wesley Hall
- Thurs, Dec. 16 Caroling with Wesley Afternoon
 Circle, 3pm
- Fri, Dec. 17 CWM, 10-12pm/Wesley Hall
- Sun, Dec. 19 Worship, 8am & 10:30am
 Sunday School/Choir/
 Church Chat, 9:15am

~Please note, one of the worship services is recorded and streamed to the internet. It is usually the 10:30am service. Also, we follow Lake County Covid Guidelines which include wearing a mask indoors and allowing for proper distancing. If you would like a copy of our guidelines, please see an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Children's activity folders are available once again. Please see an usher if you would like one.

-Help! We need some volunteers for the Christmas Eve service. Please contact the church office to help or slip a note with your name and volunteer position in the mail slot of office door #2 before you leave. Help is needed in the following areas: Greeters and Ushers for both services and Communion Stewards at the 7pm service.

-Wesley Afternoon Circle will be caroling on Thursday, December 16 at 3:00 pm. If anyone needs a ride, please call Anne Dickson at 224-818-8725.

-The Christian Wellness Ministry (CWM) is hosting a craft event on Friday, Dec 17th from 10-12pm at United Methodist Church of Antioch. All materials will be provided to make a small evergreen centerpiece to use at home or give as a gift. Please bring a small box or bag to transport your creation and maybe a pair of gardening gloves. The minimum number of attendees is 4 with a maximum of 10 from all three churches in CWM. The sign-up sheet is in Wesley Hall. The last day to register is today. Please call Carol at 630-399-0089 if you have any questions.

-Please note the following worship service times: There will be a 5pm family-friendly Christmas Eve service on December 24 followed by a 7pm traditional service. There will be **only 1 service** Sunday, December 26 at 9:15am.

- Christmas Eve poinsettias have been ordered for our sanctuary. As per tradition, you may make an offering towards 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. 19. Plants will be available to take home following the 7pm Christmas Eve service.

-Pastor Katie is going to lead a study on some of Jesus' parables titled, *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. It will meet Wednesdays at 6pm, starting January 5th (skipping Feb. 9). Please sign up in Wesley Hall. Participant books are \$10. Please sign up by December 22, so we can order the books.

-Save the date for upcoming District learning opportunities! The District Lay Academy has been rescheduled for January 8 & 15. For more information there are posters around or see Pastor Katie. The District Leadership Training Event will be January 29 – more details to come.



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:00am service	Walt & Carol Cichonski
10am service	Nancy Zitkus & Betty Collins

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...waiting... yup. Still waiting.

P: Advent is a challenging season for us. We'd like Christmas to hurry up and get here already.

L: We are inching closer every week. We continue to hear the promises of God and hold out hope for the day they will all come true.

P: What should we do in the mean time?

L: It is a good question, asked even of John the Baptist in his day. What should we do while we wait?

P: Sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord in tangible ways comes a bit easier this time of year. May that sentiment linger all year long.

***HYMN Red Hymnal #203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O God, it is so easy to confuse the prophets for the one they proclaim. People thought John the Baptist might actually be Jesus because they were simply tired of waiting. We want to turn people into the Messiah we worship because it seems easier. We can see these people. We know what they are doing. And when we learn of their misdeeds, we simply overlook them because we want them to be our gods. Point us to you, O Lord, who is good in all things, who loves us on all days, and who never fails us. And now, O God, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us ...

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)**

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:00am as needed)/

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (10:30am)

Chase Swanson, Evan Swanson, Owen Richards,
Sophia Rae, Aria Horst

“In each heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where we must ultimately answer whether there is room or not.

When we are Bethlehem-bound, we experience our own advent in his.

When we are Bethlehem-bound, we can no longer look the other way conveniently not seeing stars, not hearing angel voices.

We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily tending our sheep or our kingdoms.

This Advent let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that the Lord has made known to us.

In the midst of shopping sprees, let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Aria Horst

The Friendly Beasts

“Through the tinsel, let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.

In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos, let's listen for the brush of angel's wings.

This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem and find our kneeling places.”

-Poem *In Search of Our Kneeling Places* by Ann Weems

HYMN Red Hymnal # 210

All Earth is Waiting

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 -Zephaniah 3:14-20 &
Luke 3:7-18

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time, I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has

two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Yet to Arrive

Rev. Katie Voigt

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

CHOIR ANTHEM

Advent Alleluia

UMCA Choir

OFFERTORY *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***DOXOLOGY Red Hymnal #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Thank you for giving us gifts to share, Mighty God. Thank you for trusting us to share them with others. Use what we give you either financially, emotionally, spiritually, or physically so that we inch ever closer to making your Kingdom come on earth. May our actions please you. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2091**

The King of Glory Comes

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING**

L: We acknowledge that we sit in an in-between time. Jesus came once and he will come again.

P: **While we continue to wait, we will do as John the Baptist teaches. We will share what gifts we have so that all will have enough.**

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**

Immanuel

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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***Worship Attendance & Giving for
Sunday, December 5, 2021***

8:00am 29

10:30am 52

General Fund \$7,020

Building + Boiler \$212

United Methodist \$45

Student Day

The Church Nursery is available at both services 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.

Worship Leadership

Today		December 19
Greeters		
8:00am	Ken Graesser	LouAnn Holmes
10:30am	Sally Rodgers	Audrey VanSlochteren
Ushers		
8:00am	Dawn Vogel	Irv Metz
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	Dan Fluck
Sound Board		
8:00am	Bob Raukohl	Walt Cichonski
10:30am	Phil Georgia	Kenz Rae
Liturgist		
8:00am	Carleen Wurster	Bob Raukohl
10:30am	Margaret Zaller	Nikki Georgia
Coffee Servers		
8:00am	Leta & Denny Sathoff	LouAnn Holmes
10:30am	Nancy & Joanne Rae	Terry King & Family

Thank you to everyone who served in worship today. A special thank you to the children who used their talents to honor God by serving in today's worship service, Nicole Heyl for all the work she put into creating the set for the children's Christmas program, to Debbie Gillette for helping organize the music with the Sunday School program, to Paul Bleadow for sharing his musical talents on guitar, and the whole Sunday School department who helped with rehearsals!

Notes:



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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-**for the FOLLOWING month**

Send info to editorumca@att.net in Word Doc form or body of email.

Next deadline is January 15th for the February newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.