



United Methodist Church of Antioch

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Dec. 15 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
Handbells 11:45am
Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
Handel's Messiah 7:30pm- Faith
Evangelical Lutheran Church
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Mon, Dec. 16 AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Tues, Dec. 17 Private Group 9:30am-12pm/White Rm 102
Bible Study 4-5pm/Wesley Hall
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Wed, Dec. 18 AA 7-8pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102
- Thurs, Dec. 19 Private Group 12:30-2:30pm/Wesley Hall
& Sanctuary
AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Fri, Dec. 20 AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102
- Sat, Dec. 21 AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102
- Sun, Dec. 22 Worship 8am & 10:30am
Choir/Sunday School 9:15am
Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall
AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



-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. 22. Plants will be available to take home following the 7pm Christmas Eve service.

-Antioch Community Chorus will present the Christmas portion of Handel’s Messiah **today** at 7:30pm at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch, IL. This is a free concert, and some of our church choir members are participating. All are welcome!

-If you would like to read on Sunday December 29th at the one service at 9:15am please sign up in Wesley Hall.

-Joy Camp Winter Weekend is coming! This weekend camp is for 4th-12th graders on January 3rd-5th in Dixon, IL. The plan includes outdoor activities, arts/crafts, church service on Sunday, and fellowship with other campers. Registration is \$65. To register or learn more visit: <https://www.joycamp.org/>

-Save the date! 2025 Prairie Central Leadership Training is coming January 18th to Grace UMC in Naperville, IL! It is \$15 per person (includes lunch), or total of \$60 per Church (4+ people). There are a wide variety of classes, and you have the opportunity to take 3 per day. For more information, the list of classes, or to register visit:

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-leadership-training-2025>



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

P: Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

L: We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

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: Children of God, our world is full of the fruit of humanity's greed, apathy, and neglect for the love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

P: What, then, should we do?

L: Our world is also full of the fruit of God's love that wells up all around us, sustaining us, saving us, reviving us to live as the people of God.

P: What, then, should we do?

L: God encircles us on every side, Love divine present with us in creation, in community, and in the anticipated arrival of the infant Emmanuel. What then, children of God, should we do?

P: We will live in joyful presence with God and neighbor, turning away from sin and toward a life with God and one another marked by joy, justice, and mercy. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.)

***HYMN Red Hymnal #203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Eternal Creator, with you each moment of life is full of wonder and surprise. We pray you to make us watchful as we await the coming of Christ. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in your newness of life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #211

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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 – Luke 3:7-18

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

Presence

Rev. Katie Voigt

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30 service)

UMCA Choir

Let All Mortal Flesh/Keep Silence

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

***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.

OFFERTORY *The Wexford Carol*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

God of Advent joy, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your transformative call. In this season of anticipation, may our gifts help mend what is broken and share the promise of redemption. Empower us to live fully present, giving generously and acting justly. Let these offerings be seeds of hope and joy that will draw us closer to your kin-dom. Bless our giving, that it may reflect your love and bring light to our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Red Hymnal #209**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

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

L: Advent invites each of us into a new way of living in a world to which the kin-dom of God has come and is yet coming.

P: We will go, blessed with the gift of togetherness, for it is only in being truly present with God and one another that we live as followers of the coming Messiah.

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** *The Advent Chorale*

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday

December 8, 2024

8am- 36 10:30am- 58

General Fund: \$5,844

Missions: \$451.25

Building: \$130

Memorial: \$100

UM Student Day: \$50

UMCAP: \$10

CWM: \$20

Christmas Giving: \$110

Advent Readers

December 15

December 22

Readers

8:00am

Jane Buck
Wayne Buck

Walt Cichonski
Carol Cichonski

10:30am

Dan Fluck
Janet Fluck

Mary Kay Giebelhaus
Ron Giebelhaus

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

December 15

December 22

Greeters

8:00am

Vi Kluth

Leta Sathoff

10:30am

Jennifer Klingler

Joanne Rae

Ushers

8:00am

Dawn Vogel

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Valerie Lapke

Chris Shannon

Soundboard

8:00am

Denny Sathoff

Walt Cichonski

10:30am

Phil Georgia

Mike Lapke

Liturgists

8:00am

Richard Schlake

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Margaret Zaller

Phil Georgia

Coffee Servers

8:00am

Mary Geier

LouAnn Holmes

Jean Haling

Pat and Irv Metz

10:30am

Caroline Adams

Nikki Georgia

Karen Heinsohn

Phil Georgia

Openers

Sathoff Family

Metz Family

Prayer Card

8:00am

(Needed)

Nancy Colby

10:30am

Nancy Rae

Mary Kay & Ron Giebelhaus

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Please Note:

Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to editorumca@gmail.com

Next deadline is December 15th for the January newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.