



United Methodist Church of Antioch

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Dec. 8

Worship 8am & 10:30am

Choir/Sunday School 9:15am

Handbells 11:45am

Confirmation Class 3-4pm/Wesley Hall

Prairie Advent Concert 3pm- Glen Ellyn, IL

AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

Mon, Dec. 9

AA 8-9pm/White Rm 102

Tues, Dec. 10

UMCAP Board Mtg 2:15pm/Wesley Hall

Bible Study 4-5pm/Wesley Hall

AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102

Wed, Dec. 11

Madrigals Concert 12:30pm/Wesley Hall

AA 7-8pm & 8-9pm/White Rm 102

Thurs, Dec. 12

PEO 10am-3pm/Wesley Hall & Kitchen

AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102

Fri, Dec. 13

Cookie Walk Preparations 8-10am & 2-3pm

AA 6:30-7:30pm/White Rm 102

Sat, Dec. 14

Cookie Walk 9am-1pm/Wesley Hall

Organ Concert 11am/Sanctuary

AA 6-7pm/White Rm 102

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

~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

-Join the United Women in Faith on Dec. 11th for the performance of The Madrigal Singers! Doors open at 12:30pm. The concert begins at 1pm. Refreshments will be served after the concert in Wesley Hall!

-The annual cookie/stocking stuffer fundraiser is **this Saturday!** This fundraiser supports all the mission links we donate to annually. Time is running out to submit your baking sheets! Please let LouAnn know what you are making as soon as you can! Thank you in advance. Please contact LouAnn with any questions, (815) 675-6552.

-Antioch Community Chorus will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 15th 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. Everyone is welcome!

-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! Keep an eye out for more details in the bulletin as it gets closer!

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

L: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and

he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness” (Malachi 3:2b-3).

P: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.

L: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God’s kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

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, prepare the way! The Word of God is coming!

P: We come to listen and receive God’s Word among us.

L: Children of God, the prophets call to us now and from generations past, urging us to prepare and refine our hearts for the coming of the Word of God. Are you listening?

P: We come to listen and prepare to receive God’s Word among us.

L: Children of God, this is the mark of our preparation: that passion for God’s Word would burn within us, cleansing us and renewing us to reflect God’s love throughout the world.

P: May God ignite our passion for God's Word that has come among us as we listen, prepare, and receive all that God has for us today

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

***HYMN Red Hymnal #210**

All Earth is Waiting

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. Let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Black Hymnal #2092

Like a Child

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 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION	Passion	Rev. Katie Voigt
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CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30 service)

UMCA Choir

Peace, Hope, Light, Love

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

*Of the Father's Love Begotten/How Deep the Father's
Love for Us*

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Loving God, in this Advent season, we bring our offerings with hearts open to your call. Just as John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, may our gifts help prepare the way for your kin-dom. Use these offerings to bring hope, justice, and transformation. Help us to look beyond the surface, to see your work in surprising places and people. Bless our giving, that it may shine with the presence of Emmanuel. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Green Hymnal #3042**

Shout to the North

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious king.
You are strong when you feel weak
in your brokenness complete.

Refrain:

Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

2. Rise up, women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power
of our awesome king of love.

Refrain:

Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Refrain:

Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Bridge:

We've been through fire,
we've been through rain,
we've been refined by the power of his name.
We've fallen deeper
in love with you.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Refrain:

We will shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

3. Rise up, church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high.
By his grace again we'll fly.

Refrain:

Shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Refrain:

We will shout to the north and the south,
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Tag:

Lord of heaven and earth.
He is Lord of heaven and earth.
He is Lord of heaven and earth.

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

L: Go, now, blessed with a passion that refines, molds, and shapes each of our hearts.

P: We will reflect God's glorious love that transforms despair into hope, violence into peace, and distress into flourishing.

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**

Love Has Come: Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella

Red indicates "The United Methodist Hymnal"

Black indicates "The Faith We Sing"

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**Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday
December 1, 2024**

8am- 36 10:30am- 56

General Fund: \$5,176.75 Missions: \$212.69

Building: \$345 Boiler: \$125

Food Pantry: \$10 UMCAP: \$10

CWM: \$20

Advent Readers

December 8

December 15

Readers

8:00am

Judy Degand

Jane Buck

Dawn Vogel

Wayne Buck

10:30am

Alvera Morgan

Dan Fluck

Keegan Stack

Janet Fluck

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

December 8

December 15

Greeters

8:00am	Becky Johnson	Vi Kluth
10:30am	Pat Calkins	Jennifer Klingler

Ushers

8:00am	Irv Metz	Dawn Vogel
10:30am	Jerry Topcik	Valerie Lapke

Soundboard

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

Liturgists

8:00am	Jane Buck	Richard Schlake
10:30am	Carol Dunn	Margaret Zaller

Coffee Servers

8:00am	Marty Garrett	Mary Geier
	Barb Cantrell	Jean Haling
10:30am	Margaret Zaller	Carol Frazier
	Caroline Adams	Karen Heinsohn

Openers

Cichonski Family	Sathoff Family
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Prayer Card

8:00am	Nancy Colby	(Needed)
10:30am	Ardy Lange	Nancy Rae

Notes:

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Next deadline is December 15th for the January newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.