



Peace ON Earth



UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

PENNIES FOR HUNGER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 16

One: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
Even at night my heart instructs me.

All: **I have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

One: My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

All: **You will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

One: You have made known to me the path of life;
You will fill me with joy in your presence,

All: **You will fill me with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

(see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Messenger of a new covenant; we confess that we are sinners and cannot offer worship that is worthy of You, until we are cleansed of our sins. Send your Holy Spirit to refine us, to bend our character to your will, to purge our faults and rid us of the evil that corrupts us. Show us all how to worship you in ways that are appropriate for your glory. Help us to become the people you want us to become, so your will may be done. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our offerings, O Lord, as seed money. Enable it to sow the seed of Your Word in this place and to the ends of the earth. Use us as Your hired hands, busy, both in sowing and in harvesting. We ask this in name of Christ's church. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:26-38
MESSAGE	"Our God of Peace" Sue Moore

COMMUNION INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CLOSING PRAYER

STATEMENT OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed"

HYMN	"O Come All Ye Faithful"	(see insert)
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Luke 1: 26-38 26In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37For no word from God will ever fail." 38"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED: Family of Ashley Lyerly, Alex Shumaker, unspoken prayer needs, Pete Skinner (son-in-law of Chuck & Ruth Quimby), Vera Kluttz, Telka Gullett (sister-in-law of Donnie Whitesides), Linda Barraclough (sister of Nancy Malone), Johnny Myers, Joy Brown, Randy Grant, Charlotte Gehrke (great niece of Mary Helen Myers), Sherry Moore, Pat Chaffin, Ron Baldwin (Becky (Tom) Wetmore's cousin), Rena Haire, Malcolm & Peggy Bullock, Sam & Gloria Correll, Kate Wilson, CC. & Peg Williams. **Public Safety Personnel:** Probation officers, firefighters, paramedics, sheriff and police officers. **Military:** James & Sarah Fullwood (Marines), Logan Willis (National Guard). **Missionaries:** The Raymer Family & The Riddle Family. **Pastor Nominating Committee, Next Pastor for Unity Church, Salem Presbytery, Our Nation.**

DEACONS TO COUNT OFFERING: Stan Moore & Mary Helen Myers
(Next week: Renae Kluttz & Cody Haire)

NURSERY TODAY: Jennifer Dartt (Next Sunday: Kathi Albea)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to (8) Debbie Blume (12) Sawyer Moore.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to (10) Bryan & Vera Kluttz.

TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO ORDER POINSETTIAS- Forms are located beside the bulletins.

If you would like to give Christmas cards to fellow members that attend worship on Sundays, you can bring the cards to church by Dec. 19. Place the cards in the marked container at the front entrance of the Fellowship Hall. The cards brought to church each week will be placed in a red bag for each family. You will receive your bag of cards to take home on December 19.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS- In memory of Bobby Whitesides by Kate Wilson, Chris & Sue Wagner and Scott & Crystal Earnhardt.

In honor of John, Jean & Eli Wetmore by Sam & Becky Wetmore.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are planning a get together in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at noon. Bring a salad or sandwiches to share together.

Our program after lunch will be Christmas readings - your favorite to share. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

There will be a drive-thru live nativity at Unity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec 19th from 6-7 PM. The NewStart Young Adults will be hosting this event. Cookies and hot apple cider will be provided. This is open to all, and we look forward to seeing you!