

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**December 1st, 2024**

**Color – Purple**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

**GATHERING**

*Please enter into prayer as God prepares us for worship.  
Meditate and center into God’s Word.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Welcome and Passing of Pew Pads  
We are all guests in God’s house. God welcomes us as we gather in worship.  
Please take time to fill out the pew pads and pass it to your neighbor.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CENTERING MOMENT**

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Church of Scotland, 20<sup>th</sup> Cent., Alt.)*

**\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AS SYMBOLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“All Creatures of Our God and King” UMH 62**

**THE PEACE**

**LIGHTING THE 1<sup>st</sup> ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE):**

**Reader:** From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**Congregation:** While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.

**Reader:** We light this candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God’s kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

**LET THE CHILDREN COME (ages 3-11)**

*(Following Children’s Time, all children may go to Children’s Church)*

**SHARING OF PRAISES AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Seek Ye First” UMH 405**

**THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**PROCLAMATION**

**\*THE LESSON Matthew 6:25-33 Randy Hayes**

**THE MESSAGE “Thanksgiving Anxiety”**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION 12 UMH**

**SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

**“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203**

**DISMISSAL**

**“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”**

*Matthew 6:33*

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*Stand as you are able.**

**\*\*Cell phones—please silence them during worship. Thank you\*\***

**\*\*\*Please use the offering envelopes at the end of each row.**

**This worship service is being recorded for posting to our Facebook page. If you do not want to be shown in the videos, please notify the church office.**

*If you would like someone to be added to the prayer during worship that Pastor Irvin may not be aware of, please write down the name on a piece of paper and give to him before the worship service or contact him or the church office during the week.*

**Sermon Notes:**

**Lectionary Study for Next Sunday:**

**Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6**

**Volunteers Serving Cornerstone This Month:**

**Altar Guild:** Maxine Smith; **Opening & Closing:** Johnny Starnes  
**Scripture Reader:** Randy Hayes; **Next week:** Steve Pilecki  
**Acolytes Today:** Gavin Sliva; **Next week:** Emery Sliva  
**Offering counters today:** Linda McCallum; Dan Sliva  
**Offering counters next week:** Debbie Jackson; Diana Deyton

We Pray For:

**Our Members:**

Judy Penn  
Dottie Beckham  
Becky Hasenjaeger  
Edith Blafield  
Maria Corley  
Anne Sullivan  
Judy Pernie  
Carol Martin

**Family & Friends:**

Steven Martin  
Duane Burgess  
Sherry Oxley  
David Grant  
Thelma Sanders  
Judy Prather  
Brandon Nobles  
Mike Sullivan  
Alfredo Castro  
Family of Yvonne Kordek  
Paul Gibson

**Those in the Military:**

Matthew Pernie  
James Caminiti  
Cameron Grant  
Dominick Minutole  
Tyler Parker

**Our World:**

Middle East War  
Victims of terror and violence  
Ukraine and surrounding countries  
Our leaders

*This prayer list will be updated at the beginning of each month.*

*Please call the church office (328-1496) or email crnrstone@comporium.net*

**Card Ministry:**

Please contact Debbie Jackson (803-417-3510) if you know of someone who would be blessed by receiving a card from our church.

The Wings of Faith Circle collects individually wrapped snack items and k-cups for the hospice house. There is a basket in the Wesley room for collecting. Thanks to Marlene Dial and JoAnn Till for regularly delivering them to the hospice facility.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, Dec. 1st:** 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship  
(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship service (Communion)  
12:15 p.m. Trustee meeting  
Poinsettia orders due

**Monday, Dec. 2nd:** 10:30 a.m. Devotional study at CUMC

**Wednesday, Dec. 4th:** 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

**Thursday, Dec. 5th:** 6:00 p.m. Addie McClintock Circle  
at Nancy Evans' house

**COMING UP NEXT WEEK**

**Sunday, Dec. 8th:** 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship service  
5:15 p.m. Finance meeting  
6:00 p.m. Church Council

**Monday, Dec. 9th:** 10:30 a.m. Devotional study at CUMC

**Wednesday, Dec. 11th:** 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

**Thursday, Dec. 14th:** 1-4 p.m. Senior group (gps) Ugly  
Sweater Christmas party at CUMC  
(bring finger food to share)

*Birthdays this week: John Owen (1<sup>st</sup>); Anne Sullivan (5<sup>th</sup>)*

*There is a sign-up sheet in the Sanctuary if you would like to help feed breakfast at the homeless men's shelter Christmas morning.*

*Copies of the November Church Council meeting minutes are in the rack in back of the Sanctuary.*

*Everyone is welcome to put a Chrismon (or two!) on the Christmas tree before the service, during the passing of the peace, or after the service.*

**CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST**

**CHURCH**

*Welcome to All Who Worship  
With Us Today*



***Connect, Care, Commit, Serve***

Ministers.....The Congregation  
Pastor.....Rev. Irvin Plowden, Jr.  
Secretary.....Cary Bartelmo  
Choir Director.....Zin Bronola

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