

MORNING WORSHIP

December 8th, 2024

Color – Purple

**2nd 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, 20th Cent., Alt.)

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE “People Look East” UMH 202**

LIGHTING THE 2nd ADVENT CANDLE (PEACE):

Reader: 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).

Congregation: 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.

Reader: 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 on earth as it is in heaven.

THE PEACE

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**

“I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light” UMH 206

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 Luke 3:1-6 Steve Pilecki**

THE MESSAGE “Time for a Shakeup”

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” UMH 211

DISMISSAL

“...Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.” Luke 3:4

***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:

**Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18**

Volunteers Serving Cornerstone This Month:

Altar Guild: Maxine Smith; **Opening & Closing:** Johnny Starnes
Scripture Reader: Steve Pilecki; **Next week:** Diane Brewer
Acolytes Today: Emery Sliva; **Next week:** Teresa Boehme
Offering counters today: Debbie Jackson; Diana Deyton
Offering counters next week: Dale Williams; Randy Hayes

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
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. 8th: 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship
(2nd 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

Sat., Dec. 14th: 1-4 p.m. Seniors group Ugly Sweater/
Sweatshirt Christmas party at CUMC
(Contact Debbi Jackson if you have questions)

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 15th: 9:30 a.m. Good Eats fellowship
(3rd Sunday of Advent) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship service with
Choir Cantata (“Mary, Did You Know?”)

Monday, Dec. 16th: 10:30 a.m. Devotional study at CUMC

Wednesday, Dec. 18th: 6:00 p.m. Choir practice

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 on the Christmas tree before the service, during the passing of the peace, or after the worship service.

November Financial Status as of 12/8/24:

Undesignated donations for November: \$ 15,963.00
Actual November general overhead exp.: \$ 16,201.46
Paid 3 months of apportionments.

November Deficit: \$ (238.46)

June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec. apportionments are past due: **\$ 9,297.75**

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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