

**OUR MISSION:** To make new disciples of Jesus Christ

**OUR VISION:** To reach out and invite our neighbors to  
Encounter God · Grow in Faith · Serve in Christ's Love

**ENCOUNTER GOD**

**Youth Group:** Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to meet at 6:30pm Wednesdays.

**Bible Study:** Pastor Ruth leads Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend and deepen their understanding of God's message.

**GROW IN FAITH**

**Ladies' Fellowship Christmas Party:** The Ladies' Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Get ready for fellowship and fun!

**Church Christmas Party:** The church Christmas party is fast approaching! We will Mingle and Jingle on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Don't forget to return your RSVP slip to the gift bag on the Library table.

**SERVE IN CHRIST'S LOVE**

**Budget Process:** Anyone in the congregation interested in helping prepare the 2019 budget should speak with Pastor Kris today.

**Leadership Team:** The next Leadership Team meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. All congregants are welcome to attend.

**Big Bulletin:** We have a sizable supply of this large paper which is currently unused and which our updated printer can now accommodate. This format was chosen to provide room for Advent scripture readings and for the Advent candle lighting liturgy.

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**Advent Reading**

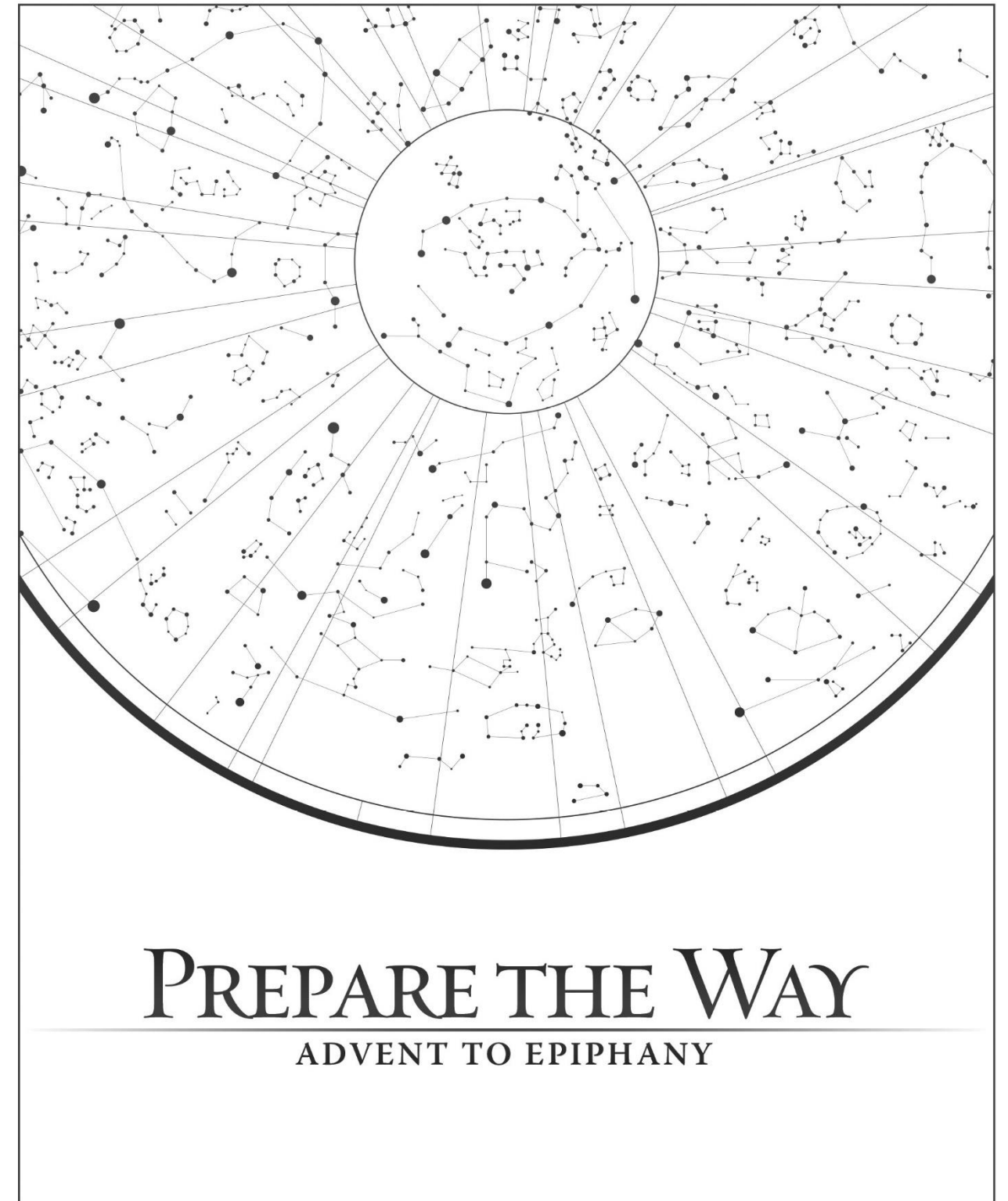
Let Advent remind us to set aside time this Christmas season to quietly reflect on the promise of the baby born in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago.

Week 1 Praise to God for the Savior!

- Dec. 2: Psalm 95:1-6
- Dec. 3: Luke 1:46-49
- Dec. 4: Luke 1:50
- Dec. 5: Luke 1:68-72
- Dec. 6: Luke 1:77-79
- Dec. 7: Malachi 4:2
- Dec. 8: Matthew 3:1-2
- Dec. 9: Mark 1:1-8
- Dec. 10: Isaiah 40:3-5

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

*Worship Assistant – Ellen Avey; Praise Team Leader – Travis Ware  
Pianist – Jeffrey Wine; Acolyte – Hunter; Sound Tech – Jonathan Trivette  
Welcoming Hosts – Judy Ellis & Rob Socks  
Nursery Care – Christy Garner & Hillary Grove*



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2018

## Words of Welcome & Parish News

## Spirit Flame

### \*\* Praise Songs

*"Even So Come"*

Praise Team

*"When You Walk into the Room"*

Praise Team

**Hymn: All : "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."**

Pastor: God of hope & promise, protection & strength, you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth.

Worship Assistant: God of hope and endurance, you foretold of the coming kingdom of God.

**All: We, God's people, affirm your covenant with us. We stand ready, hearts full of hope, for God will fulfill the promises made to God's people. As the psalmist declares, so do we: "All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws." (Psalm 25:10, NRSV)**

Pastor: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of hope to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in our midst.

Worship Assistant: *Light one purple candle.*

**All [sung]: "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."**

## Time of Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

## Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

### \*\* Hymn of Thanksgiving

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

Hymnal #71

### \*\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*\* Hymn of Preparation

*"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" x2*

Hymnal #204

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

## Children's Chat

## Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

## Message

## Communion

### \*\* Closing Song

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Hymnal #211

*(You are welcome at the altar for prayer or blessing during these songs.)*

### \*\* Benediction

\*\* Please stand, as you are able in body and spirit.

## MESSAGE NOTES

Prepare the Way

Advent 1: "Stand"

*Pastor Kristopher Sledge*

Ask God to speak to you during worship. Listen to the music, listen to the Scripture, listen to the preaching, listen to the prayers and listen to the quiet of your heart. What thought, idea, challenge or invitation jumps out at you? Just one thing. Not five things. Just one. Write it down here, then spend this week praying about how you can live it out:

### Next Week's Scripture Readings

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**Luke 3:1-6**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. FELLOWSHIP TIME 10:00 a.m.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15 a.m.**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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### **OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST WEEK**

Attendance: 53, Tithes & Offerings: \$1488.00