

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

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

SERVE IN CHRIST'S LOVE

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

Christmas Cards: There is a basket in the library for Christmas cards to be distributed to members of the congregation. Please place your cards in the basket and Mary will distribute them weekly.

Nursery: Anyone newly interested in helping in the nursery this coming year, please email Mary in the church office. Our nursery is available during all services for babies, toddlers and preschoolers to help their families concentrate on the message.

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.

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 2 Old Testament promises a Savior

Dec. 9: Isaiah 9:2

Dec. 10: Isaiah 9:6-7

Dec. 11: Isaiah 11:1-2

Dec. 12: Isaiah 7:14

Dec. 13: Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 14: Titus 3:4-7

Dec. 15: Galatians 4:4-5

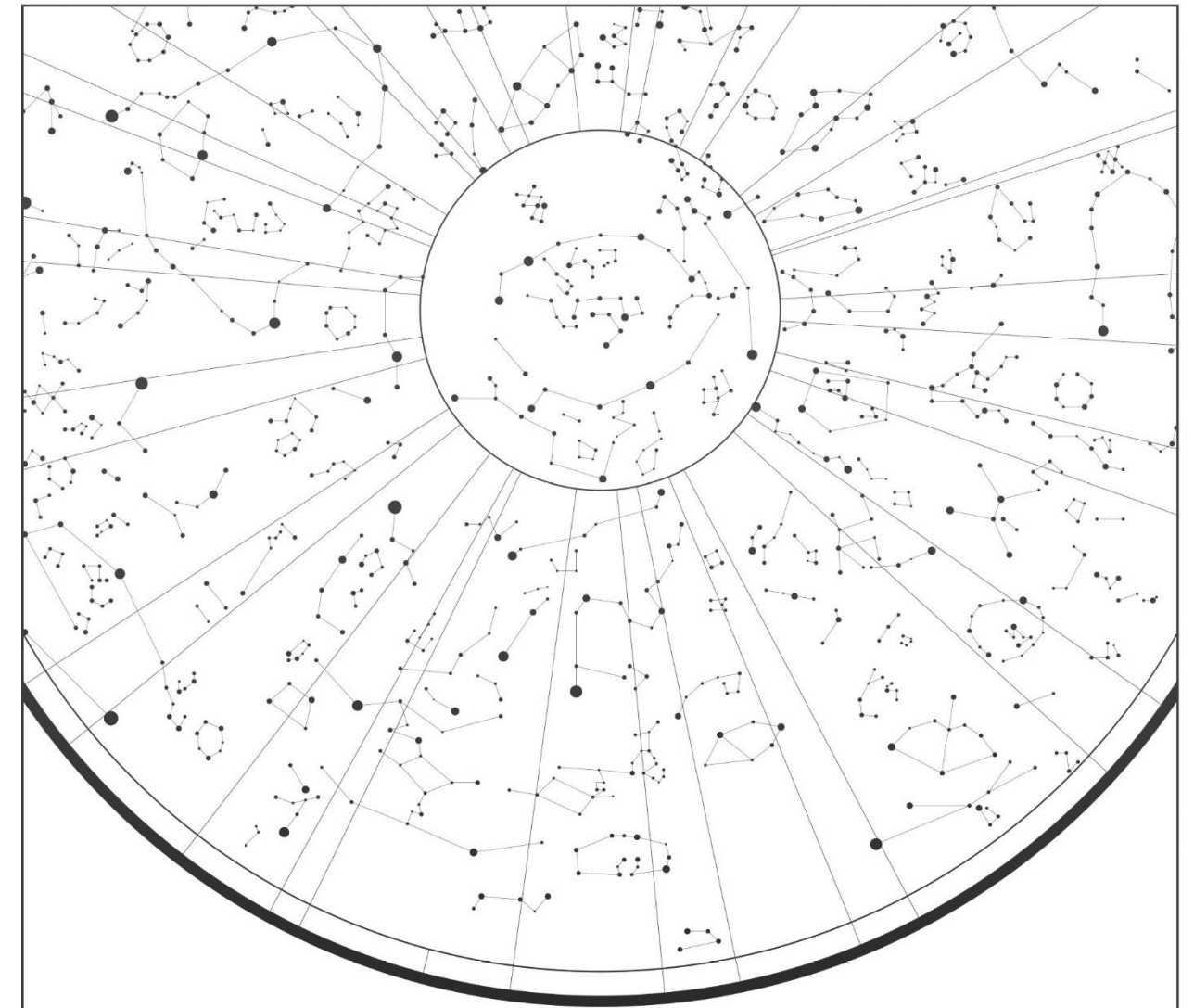
SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Assistant – Matt Ellis; *Praise Team Leader* – Travis Ware

Pianist – Jeffrey Wine; *Acolyte* – Hunter; *Sound Tech* – Jonathan Trivette

Welcoming Hosts – Mark Semler & Angie Baer

Nursery Care – Tabitha Houdeshell & Gwenelle Trivette



PREPARE THE WAY

ADVENT TO EPIPHANY

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 9, 2018

Words of Welcome & Parish News

Spirit Flame

** Praise Songs

"Joy to the World"

Praise Team

"Place of Freedom"

Praise Team

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," stanza 1, *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 196

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."

Pastor: God of mercy and power, we seek to see the messenger that you are sending.

Worship Assistant: Refining God, purify us so that we may prepare the way of the Lord.

All: We, God's people, sing with Zechariah. With your compassion, Lord, make the dawn from heaven break upon us. Give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Guide us on the path of peace. (Luke 1:78-79, CEB)

Pastor: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of love to remind us that we are being refined by your love that we would love others as you have loved us.

Worship Assistant: *Light two purple candles.*

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 Centering

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Hymnal #207

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Children's Chat

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:3-6

Message

** Closing Song

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal #384

(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 2: "Refine"

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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Luke 3:7-18

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: 65, Tithes & Offerings: \$3244.00