

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.

Holiday Hiatus: The Ladies' Quilters and Pastor Ruth's Bible Study will not be meeting until the first week of January. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

GROW IN FAITH

Christmas Eve Worship: The worship service on Christmas Eve will be held at 7:00pm. You are welcome and encouraged to invite family and friends to join in the celebration.

SERVE IN CHRIST'S LOVE

Outreach Team: The Outreach Team will meet Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00pm to pack and deliver food to the residents of the State Line Inn. Please keep the team and residents in your prayers.

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.

Holiday Office Hours: Mary will be in the office...
9:00am – 2:00pm Wednesday & Thursday, December 26th & 27th
9:00am – 2:00pm Wednesday & Thursday, January 2nd & 3rd

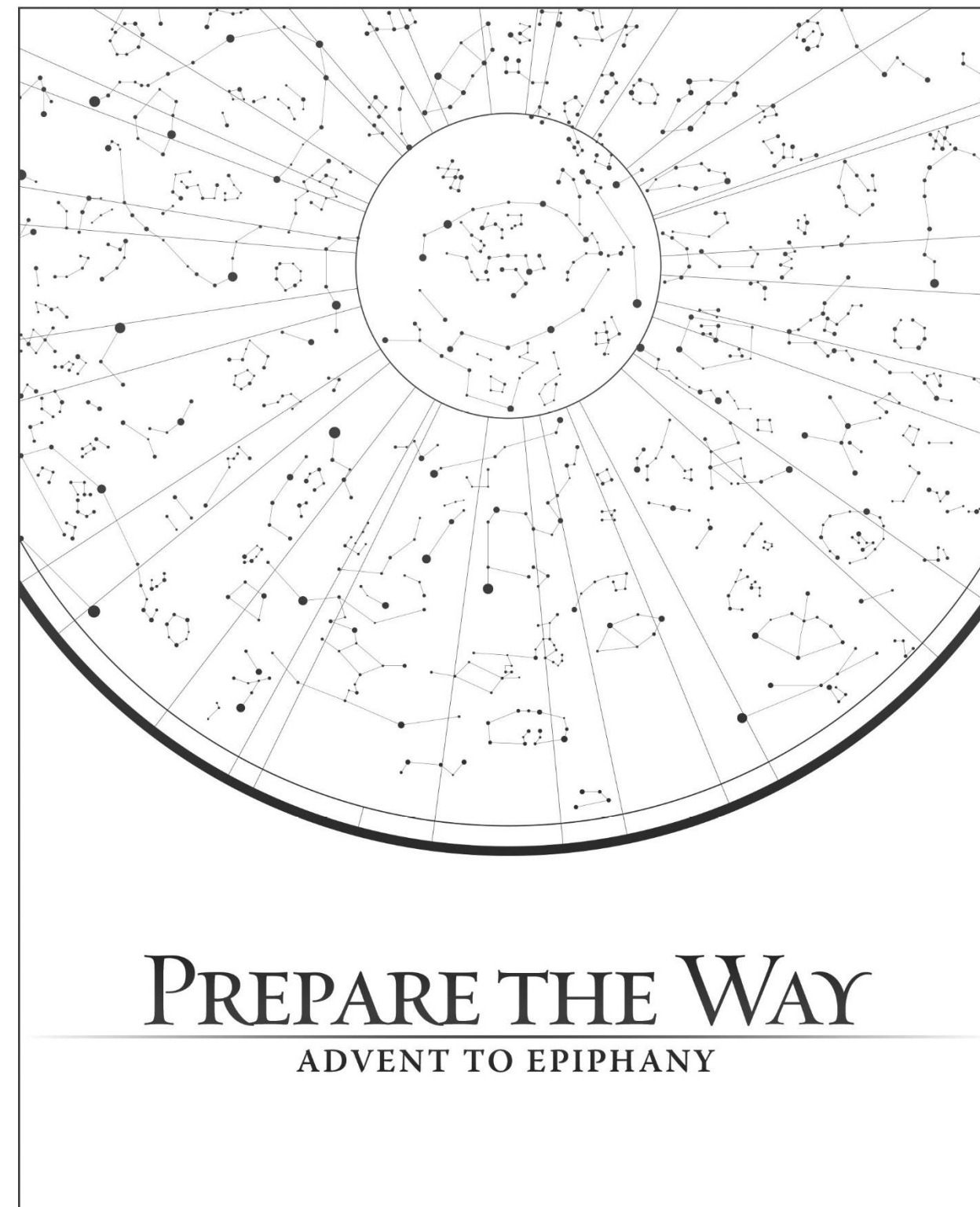
Advent Reading

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 3 God's great give, just as He promised
Dec. 16: Micah 5:2
Dec. 17: Luke 2:1-7
Dec. 18: Luke 2:8-11
Dec. 19: Luke 2:12-14
Dec. 20: Luke 2:15-18
Dec. 21: Luke 2:19-20
Dec. 22: Isaiah 60:1-3

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Assistant – Keric Ellis; *Praise Team Leader* – Travis Ware
Pianist – Jeffrey Wine; *Acolyte* – Hunter; *Sound Tech* – Jonathan Trivette
Welcoming Hosts – John Courtney & Curtis Barr
Nursery Care – Julia Socks & Ellen Avey



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 16, 2018

Words of Welcome & Parish News

Spirit Flame

** Praise Songs

"O Come to the Altar"

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, you have change judgement to hope, destruction to restoration, oppression to liberation and dread to praise.

Worship Assistant: God, you send before us prophets bringing the joyful news of the coming of the Messiah.

All: We, God's people, proclaim with Isaiah, "God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won't be afraid.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2, CEB)

Pastor: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of joy in recognition of all God's mighty acts, from the beginning to the end of time.

Worship Assistant: *Light two purple and one pink 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

Helping Hands Fund

** Hymn of Thanksgiving

"Glory Be to the Father"

Hymnal #71

** Prayer of Thanksgiving

** Hymn of Centering

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

Hymnal #352

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Children's Chat

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:7-18

Message

** Closing Song

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymnal #203

(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 3: "Do"

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

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:39-55

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: 69, Tithes & Offerings: \$1319.00