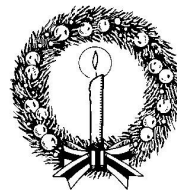




The First Sunday of Advent  
December 3, 2017  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

We Gather to Celebrate  
New Life in Christ



**Prelude** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Prichard/arr. Barnhouse

**Service of Light** Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World."

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship/The Advent Candle of Hope**

Lighting the Candle  
Hymn UMH No. 204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

**Advent Affirmation**

I believe that Jesus Christ was born,  
And that the world can never be the same.  
I believe he is Emmanuel—God with us,  
And that he makes human life possible.

I believe that in his Spirit, by his power,  
God shall give us the victory over sin and death!

Let there be peace on earth and good will toward all. Amen.

(8:30) Opening Hymn UMH No. 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"  
(11:00) Praise Songs "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", "Everlasting God"

**Opening Prayer**

**Greet One Another As Christ Has Greeted You**

**Good News for Children** "Go Tell It On the Mountain"  
(please sing as the Children come forward)  
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Change Jar for the Good Samaritan Fund (emergency utility assistance)  
(Children age 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade leave for COOL Kids)

**Old Testament Prophecy** Isaiah 64:1-9

**Choir Anthem** "Carols of Hope and Light" arr. Joseph Martin

**Joys, Concerns, and Prayers**

**Offering Back to God**

**Offertory** "Fling Wide the Door" Freylinghausen/arr. Barnhouse  
Today's offertory selection is a German Advent carol that announces the coming of The Lord of lords and King of kings.

**Offertory Response**  
Praise him who in the manger lay, On that first joyful Christmas day.  
Praise him for all his wondrous love, Who came to us from heaven above. Amen.

**Scripture** Mark 13:24-37

**Words to Live By** "Keep Awake" Ellis Conley

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Our Lord's Prayer No. 895**  
**Giving the Bread and Cup**—You are invited to come forward and receive communion by "intinction". You will receive a piece of bread which you will dip into the cup. After you partake you may choose to pray at the altar rail. As United Methodists, we celebrate "open communion", meaning it is not necessary to belong to this congregation to receive the sacrament. John Wesley believed the sacrament had "saving power", and no one should be denied. Children are always welcome. During communion please join with others in singing the following hymns: UMH 203, 211, 213.

(8:30) Closing Hymn UMH No. 211 (vss. 1, 3-6) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
(11:00) Praise Song "Even So Come"

**Service of Light** Jesus said, "You are the Light of the World."

**Benediction** "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

(8:30) Postlude "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
Thomerson/arr. Barnhouse

(11:00) Postlude "Even So Come" Praise Band

**We Scatter to Witness and Serve, Using the Gifts God Gave Us**



**Remember in Your Thoughts and Prayers** (as of 11/29/17)

Davis Antis, Jerry Baldwin, Debbie Bias, Catherine Clark, Rev. George Clay, Leigh Ann Cutlip, Ray Duke, Evelyn Easter, Emma Louise Farrow, Deborah Fortner, Bob George, Bettye Grady, Jim Grady, Gertrude Graham, Arlene Hale, Allen Harrah, Vivian Hogan (Rev. Dan Hogan's mother), Maxine Hunt, Phil Hyre, Nancy Jepson, Ron McClellan, Kelly McFadden, Jack McGinnis, Wanda Mumford (Susan Caldwell's mother), Coy Mullins, Bob Neumeyer, Liz Neumeyer, Steve Neumeyer, Andrew Parks, Deanne Parsons, Robbie Parsons, Harold Perry (Mike Perry's grandfather), Dolores Price, Michelle Riddle, Douglas Robertson, Betty Smith (Kelly McFadden's mother), Cathy Stevens, Betty Strain, David Stull, Jean Sutherland, Peggy Vance (John Vance's mother), Evelyn Warner, Jack Wilson, Helen Wright (Beth Sauvageot's mother), Construction safety & progress

**Brale Care Home:** Phyllis Blankenship (Bob Blankenship's mother)

**Broadmore Assisted Living:** Ruth Alford

**Genesis Putnam Center:** Walter Tincher (David Tincher's father)

**Midland Meadows:** Della Patterson

**Rolling Meadows Plc:** Rev. Billy Reed Wickline

**Our Service Personnel:** Chris Brown, Kris Cutlip, Will Dempsey, Jason Ellis, Ty Foster, Elliott Giles (Steve & Rosemary Cook's son-in-law), Jon Hansen, Jacob Hudnall (Jeanie Jarvis' nephew), R. Travis Hughes (Leslie St. Clair's nephew), Donnie Jacobs, Aaron Lane, Dane Meadows, Bobby Menear, Steven Miller II, Julian Skinner (Joe Ann Gyke's grandson), Cameron Wilkinson

**Have a Mission Heart** **Christian Community Cupboard:** A new list of needs for the Cupboard includes: canned mixed vegetables, canned carrots, and dried beans. Place donations in the cart in the Narthex. **Volunteers are needed at the Cupboard** on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is at the Connection Center.

**BackPack Buddies:** We are sending nonperishable food home with over 80 students each weekend. Please remember this ministry as you are doing your grocery shopping. We also accept monetary donations and donations of gently used plastic grocery bags. The gray cart is in the Narthex. Help us be the hands and feet of Christ to these children.

**Advent Missions Candle:** Beginning today, the 1st Sunday in Advent, we will keep a candle burning on the Communion Table for missions. For each dollar donated, the candle will remain lit one hour. Candle donations will support Living Hope High School, Bungoma, Kenya, which was begun by Marilyn Uhl, a WV United Methodist. An \$88/month sponsorship gives an orphan an opportunity in the name of Jesus Christ, raising and educating Christian leaders of tomorrow. Let's keep the candle burning during Advent and the 12 days of Christmas. Mark your check or envelope "candle". (www.livinghopehighschool.org) **Thanks to your generosity of \$200 raised to date, the candle will stay lit until Monday, December 11, 8:00 a.m.**

**There are 10 Angels remaining** on the Angel Tree. If you are able to help supply Christmas gifts for these children, please visit the tree. Instructions are listed on the sign up podium. **Reminder: all gifts are due to the church by next Sunday, December 10.**

**Get connected/Stay connected with Forrest Burdette:**

- If you are a visitor today, please fill out a Pew Information Card and place it in the offering plate.
- Check out the website: www.forrestburdette.com
- Sign up for the weekly "E-Connection" and the "Visions" newsletter. Email office@forrestburdette.com
- Like our Facebook page: "Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church".
- Sign up for updates for upcoming youth events by texting "@FBMUth" to the number 81010. Young Adults, sign up by texting "@FBYA" to the number 81010.

**Church Family Christmas Dinner & Christmas Program**  
**TONIGHT, December 3rd**  
Serving: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.; Program: 6:30 p.m.

This year we have a thrilling adventure at Bethlehem's only theme park "Royal World" which features Israel's past and prophesied kings. The Royal World crew is trying to get ready for opening day in time for the crowds coming in for the census. There's just one problem; they first have to pass the safety inspection. Everything comes to a stop when they realize the king of prophesy might be coming sooner than they thought. *Let our children be a blessing to you!*

Wednesday Night Live Fellowship Dinner is served from 5:15-6:00 p.m. **The menu for Dec. 6 is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and dessert.** Make your reservation today by signing up at the Connection Center, or call the church office at 304-562-5903 **by noon on Mon., Dec. 4.** Cost is \$6 adults, \$5 children under 12. No family pays more than \$20. *Dinners will be served through Dec. 13.*

**SATURDAY, DEC. 9: HAIRCUT FUNDRAISER**

Mindy Harris at Salon Elite in Teays Valley is offering \$10 haircuts (cuts only!) with 100% proceeds going toward the Forrest Burdette Uth 2018 Mission Trip to Virginia Beach. Come out and support the youth while getting a haircut! Call Mindy at 304-549-9601 for an appointment.

**REACH-ing Farther:** To date, 40 re-affirmations of original commitments have been made, and 16 new commitments of over \$25,000 have been received. If you did not make a recommitment, additional forms are at the Connection Center.

**Upper Room Disciplines for 2018** (daily devotional guides) are available for \$5 at the Connection Center.

**December College Graduates:** Please contact the church office with the name, school, and degree of our December college graduates (office@forrestburdette.com or 304-562-5903).

**Help Wanted:** Forrest Burdette is looking to hire an additional custodian, full time with a flexible schedule. Contact Gary Robson to inquire, 304-552-7521.

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner Report:** Our Thanksgiving Day Dinner was a huge success. Thanks to the Stewards of Fellowship Sunday School Class for the "L" Dollar donation. Special thanks to the United Methodist Women for the generous ham, and to Don Gatewood for the delicious "smoked turkey" from Texas. Lastly, a special thanks to John Marra for providing and cooking the five turkeys that were our main dish. John also did all of the cooking of the ham, potatoes, green beans, and gravy. Thank you so much for your dedication. 72 people were served. Praise God! Remember to put on your calendar Christmas Day Dinner at 2:00 p.m. The menu consists of ham, baked steak, potatoes, green beans, and gravy. All are welcome to attend! *Jill Gilbert*

**Construction UPDATE**

The contractor has informed us that he will be doing preliminary work for Phase 2, beginning this coming week. The construction fence has been moved for sidewalk access between the new parking lot and the Little Narthex entrance.

**"I will support the church with my presence and gifts."**  
November 26, 2017

Attendance Last Sunday:	8:30 a.m. Worship	128
	Sunday School	119
	11:00 a.m. Worship	191
Gifts Last Sunday:	Weekly Budget Needed	\$13,604
	Deposits for Operating Budget	\$14,226
	Deposits for Building Fund	\$5,197
	Other Deposits	\$380

**Sermon Notes**

Mark 13:24-37 “Keep Awake”

- I. Jesus calls us to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the signs of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Kingdom.
- II. Advent is a season of \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. We worship an \_\_\_\_\_ God who \_\_\_\_\_ into our lives.
- IV. We’ve been given an \_\_\_\_\_.

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Praise Band ..... Julie Conley, Chad Halstead, Jayné Kirk, John Martin, Lauren Milton, Aaron Persinger, Jill Turner

Media Technician: ..... J.D. Philyaw

Sound Technician: ..... (8:30): Jeff Haynes (11:00): Steve Cook

Ushers: ..... (8:30): Clarence & Jo Bess, Joe Grady, Debby Cunningham (11:00): Jason Haught, Chris Clark, Christopher Clark, Virginia Clark

Greeters: ..... (8:30): Norman & Mary Ann McClure (11:00): Kim Neville & Nathan Neville

Acolytes: ..... (8:30): Anna Caldwell (11:00): James Larch

FB COOL Kiddies (Preschool): ..... Becky Meadows

FB COOL Kids (K-3): ..... (8:30): Alisa Spiker, (11:00): Becca Wilson

Infant Nursery: ..... (8:30 & 9:45): Torie Meadows (11:00): Torie Meadows, Abby Mills

Parking Lot Greeter Team 1: ..... Gene Brown, Steve Dorsey, Ryan Riedel, Jeremy Rogers

**Birthdays:**

- 12/3** Jane Bogan, Todd Landin
- 12/4** Keith Bowie, Scott Ransom
- 12/5** Meghan Fawcett, Geneva McGinnis, J.R. Newman
- 12/6** Daniel Bennett, David Russell
- 12/7** Ellen Bowie, Michele Myers, Steve Powers, Kaven Ransom
- 12/8** Scott Edwards, Bradley Johnson, Dylan Kimble, Pat Litton, Casey Templeton, Matthew Tidd
- 12/9** Katie Anderson, Roland Fisher, Bob Hill, Pam Stinespring, Tara Valent

**Anniversaries:**

- 12/5** Ed & Becky Brogan
- 12/5** Rob & Carol Proffitt
- 12/7** Gene & Traci Brown

**Welcome to Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church!**

... You may wish to take your birth to age 2 children into our nursery which is warm, nurturing, and well-supervised. The nursery is located off the narthex on the right. After “Good News for Children” age 3 to third graders may leave to attend “COOL Club”.

... Take advantage of the sermon outline in the bulletin. You may find it easier to follow the sermon.

... Please keep cellular phones off during the service and set your beepers to non-audible notification.

... As United Methodists, we celebrate “open Communion”; everyone is always welcome at the Lord’s Table.

... Be sure to sign a pew card and check “first time” visitor.

... The restrooms are located to the right at entrance to Fellowship Hall and at the end of the ramp and to the left.

... Please do not bring coffee, tea, or soft drinks into the Sanctuary.

... At the close of worship, our tradition is to reach for your neighbor’s hand as we sing together “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

**THE MISSION OF FORREST BURDETTE U.M.C.**

**Minister to people where they are ♦ Strengthen and empower disciples on the journey ♦ Glorify God in all things**

**Sunday, December 3**

- 8:30 A.M. Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Worship
- 12:15 P.M. Handbell Practice –Choir Rm
- 5:00 P.M. Church Family Christmas Dinner –FH
- 6:30 P.M. Christmas Musical “The King and Me” –Sanctuary

*No Evening Worship Service, Men’s Group, or Orchestra tonight*

**Monday, December 4**

- 9:30 A.M. Preventicare –FH
- 11:30 A.M. Staff/Desk Volunteer Luncheon –Fireside Grille
- 6:00 P.M. Emmaus Men’s Group –110
- 6:00 P.M. Emmaus Women’s Reunion –Little Narthex
- 6:00 P.M. Putnam Piece Makers Christmas Party –FH
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Tp 236 –VA House
- 7:00 P.M. Hilda O’Dell Circle –J. Rowsey’s
- 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Pk 236 –Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees –201
- 8:00 P.M. AA –308

**Tuesday, December 5**

- 10:00 A.M. Community Cupboard
- 6:30 P.M. Hooks & Needles –201
- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scouts 8317 –FH/Basement
- 7:00 P.M. Beyond Recovery –111
- 7:00 P.M. “Good Grief” Group –Chapel
- 7:00 P.M. UMW –110/Parlor
- 7:00 P.M. Civic Chorus –Sanctuary

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 9:30 A.M. Preventicare –FH
- 10:45 A.M. Morning Bible Study –111
- 5:15 P.M. Fellowship Dinner –FH
- 6:30 P.M. Small Groups
- 6:30 P.M. Uth –Basement

*C.O.O.L. Kids is on hiatus until 2018!*

**That’s My Pan! Fundraiser** is going strong. To guarantee Christmas Delivery, please have all orders submitted online or turned into Pastor Jeremy **today**. All other orders are welcome after that date, as there is no cut off. Each order will not only help our youth raise money for their Mission Trip to Virginia Beach next July, but they can also double up as a wonderful Christmas gift for someone you love. Brochures are available at the Connection Center desk. As always, the youth and the leaders of the youth want to thank everyone for your continued support as we go out and make a difference in Jesus’ name.

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**COM Staff:**

Office 304-562-9170

**Thursday, December 7**

- 10:00 A.M. Circle of Friends Christmas Party –FH
- 1:00 P.M. Operation Christmas Child Volunteers Leave for Charlotte
- 6:00 P.M. Orchestra Practice –Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Practice –Sanctuary

**Friday, December 8**

- 9:30 A.M. Preventicare –FH
- 10:00 A.M. Community Cupboard

**Saturday, December 9**

- 7:30 A.M. Emmaus Prayer Group –110
- 9:00 A.M. Cantata Dress Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 10**

- 8:30 A.M. “Tapestry of Light” Cantata
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. “Tapestry of Light” Cantata
- 6:00 P.M. Render the Hearts Concert –Sanctuary
- 5:00 P.M. Handbell Practice –Choir Rm
- 6:00 P.M. Men’s Group –111

*No Evening Worship Service*

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 15:** Putnam Country Wyldlife Club, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Family Life Center; all middle school students are welcome to attend!
- Dec. 17:** Parsonage Open House, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Join Ellis & Julie for a holiday celebration!
- Dec. 21:** JOY Fellowship monthly covered dish luncheon, featuring special musical guest Jill Gilbert, 12:00 p.m.
- April 27-28:** Bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster PA, to see the production “Jesus”. \$210 per person. Sign up at the Connection Center desk, or speak to Don Gatewood.