

# FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2025

11:00 A.M.

\*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts

\*\*Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

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### PRELUDE

Divine Love

D. Sanders

### WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the God who calls us to prepare the way.

**People: We rejoice in the One who makes our rough places smooth.**

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ draws near to renew and restore.

**People: We rejoice in the One who transforms our hearts.**

Leader: Rejoice with willing hands and expectant spirits.

**People: We rejoice in the One who prepares us for His kingdom.**

**ALL: AMEN.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

### \*GATHERING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 1,2,3

UMH # 211

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

**All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.**

Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

## **LIGHT TWO CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Faith Class

### **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING SUNG RESPONSE**

Light the Advent candle two, Think of humble shepherds who, Filled with wonder at the sight, Of the child on Christmas night. Candle, candle burning bright, Shining in the cold winter night. Candle, candle burning bright, Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** Prepare Ye! (Page/Schafferman) Chancel Choir

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

#### **PRAYER CHORUS**

Cares Chorus

TFWS # 2215

I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime that I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon You.

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **PRAYERS OF PETITION**

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our Prayer.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **\*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart Verses 1,4,5 UMH # 500

#### **\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:1-12

#### **SERMON**

*The Waiting Room of God: The Preparers*

Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

#### **OFFERTORY**

Aria in G

Buxtehude

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Hymnal 20-22 (Musical Setting C)

## **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE  
A MEMBER OF THIS OR ANY CHURCH.**

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Verses, 1,3,4 UMH # 384

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in D

S. Offenbach

## 2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FORM

Fairview Church will again be decorated with poinsettias during the 2025 Advent/Christmas season. We will be using large pots of poinsettias again this year. To participate in this ministry, please return the form below with a check for \$12.00 for each plant ordered, **no later than Monday, December 15**. Poinsettias may be removed from the church on Wednesday, December 24 following Christmas Eve worship. The names of those being remembered, as well as the donors, will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21.



### **THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

#### **POINSETTIAS**

No. of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$12.00 each

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Method of Payment**

Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to:

Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Fairview United Methodist Church

Memo: Poinsettias 2025



## **ACTIVITIES - DEC. 7 - DEC. 14**

**Today:** Virtual Advent Study 4 P.M.  
Contact Cecelia Long, 937 972 7045  
or [cealong48@gmail.com](mailto:cealong48@gmail.com) for ZOOM  
information.

### **Monday, December 8**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

### **Wednesday, December 10**

Renewal Hour 3:30 P.M.

Pantry 6:00 P.M.

### **Thursday, December 11**

Bells 6:30 P.M.

Chancel Choir 7:15 P.M.

### **Friday, December 12**

Pantry 9:00 A.M.

Caroling at Brookhaven 2:00 P.M.

### **Saturday, Dec. 13**

Men's Fellowship at

Bob Evans 8:30 A.M.

Pantry/Legal Clinic 10:00 A.M.

### **Sunday, December 14**

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Kid's Bible Class 11:00 A.M.

## **TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS**

### **Worship Leader**

Art Mehaffey

### **Greeters**

John & Lilia Shoemaker

### **Trustee**

Jan Mains

### **Kid's Bible**

### **Class Teacher**

Susie Kurtz

## **LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

- [Isaiah 35:1-10](#)
- [Psalm 146:5-10](#)
- [James 5:7-10](#)
- [Matthew 11:2-11](#)

## **VAN DRIVER FOR DECEMBER 14**

**Van Request: Wayne-- 937-369-7040**

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

## **KID'S BIBLE CLASS**

Our *Kid's Bible Class* is a meaningful time where children ages 1-9 learn to listen, and connect with God, through Bible stories, prayer, and fun activities linked to the lesson. After the lesson, they enjoy play that helps them build friendships, practice sharing, and grow in kindness—all in a safe and loving environment led by a Teacher and Attendant.

## **Church Staff**

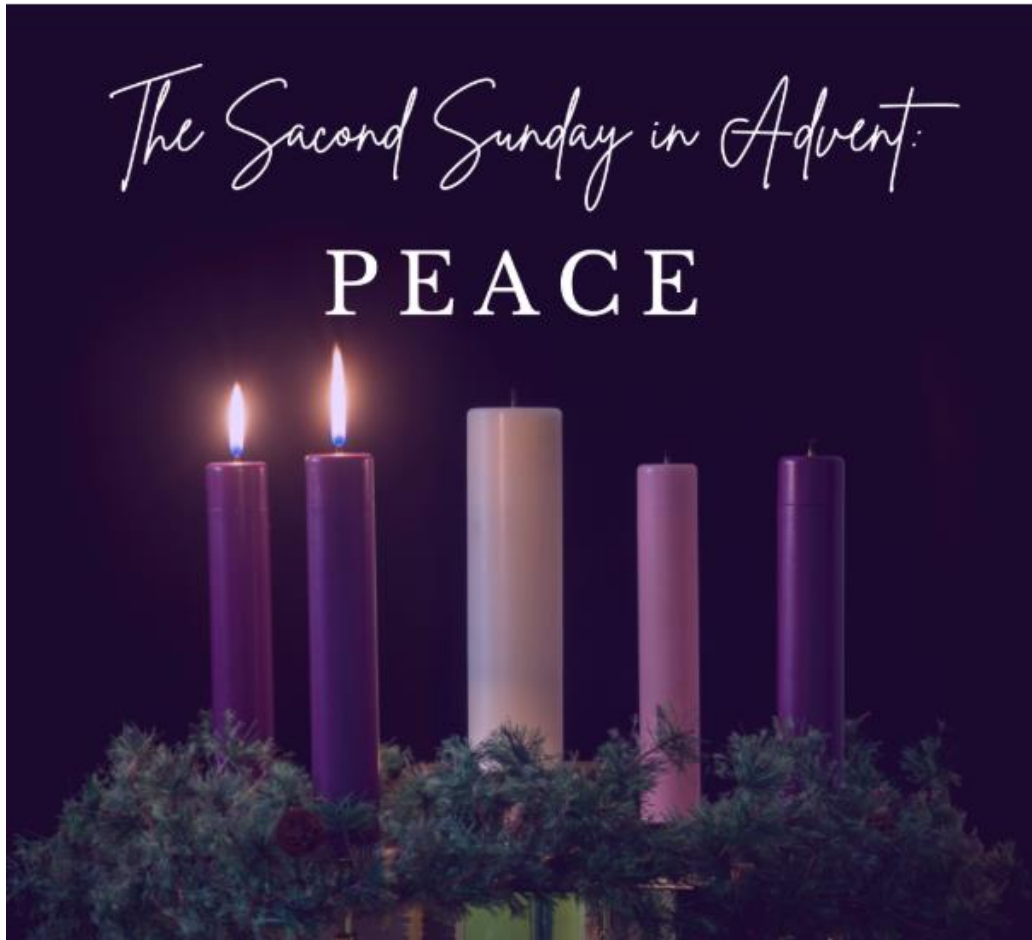
**Pastor** Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougale,

**Director of Music** Michelle Forshaw, **Church Musician** Nancy Collins, **Treasurer** Fred Poland,

**Audio Visual Technician** Roger Christian, **Church Custodian** Vance Garner,

**Kid's Bible Class Attendant** Oscar Ndayisaba

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