

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2024

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.

**PRELUDE

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Traditional

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we journey through the Sundays of Advent, listen to the promises of God:

People: A righteous branch springs forth,

Leader: A promise of justice and righteousness,

People: A promise of safety.

Leader: Listen to the promise of Jesus:

People: The Kingdom of God draws near.

Leader: Keep alert; watch for signs of hope.

People: Our Advent journey begins.

ALL: AMEN.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

UMH # 626

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The congregation of Fairview United Methodist Church has several small groups that help our members grow spiritually throughout the year. There is a place for everyone within one of these groups. The Chancel Choir meets under the direction of Michelle Forshaw on Thursday evenings at 7: 15. Today the candlelighters are two members of our Chancel Choir: Fred Poland and Jan Mains.

Reader: There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, And unrest in the nations like those being tossed by the waves of the sea.

Congregation: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.

Reader: The powers of the heavens will be shaken at the expectation of the coming of the Lord. **Congregation: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.**

Reader: You will see Christ coming in the clouds with power and glory. When this happens, lift up your heads, because your redemption is close. **Congregation: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.**

Reader: This generation will not pass away until all things are accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will last forever.

Congregation: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.

Reader: The Lord is coming to make all things new. **Congregation: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

Sung response to the Advent lighting (To the tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

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Light the Advent candle one

Now the waiting has begun

We have started on our way

Time to think of Christmas day.

(Chorus:)

Candle, candle burning bright

Shining in the cold winter night

Candle, candle burning bright

Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

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Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning"

by Greg Gilpin

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER CHORUS

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH # 204

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** "Like a Child" TFWS # 2092

***SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 9:6

SERMON *The Arrival of Hope* Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

OFFERTORY

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**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH # 211, verses 1-4

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

2024 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FORM

Fairview Church will again be decorated with poinsettias during the 2024 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 16.

Poinsettias may be removed from the church on Tuesday, 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 22.



THE DEADLINE DATE IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

Given by _____
(Please print)

In Honor of:

(Please print)
In Memory of:

POINSETTIAS
No. of Plants ____ X \$12.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR POINSETTIAS \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
Fairview United Methodist Church



ACTIVITIES – December 2 – December 8

Monday, December 2

Pantry 9:00 A.M.
2 Mile Class White Elephant UWIF
Auction/Christmas Party 11:30 A.M.

Wednesday, December 4

Pantry Delivery Truck 11:00 A.M.
Renewal Hour Bible Study 3:30 P.M.
Pantry 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 5

Chancel Bells 6:30 P.M.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 P.M.

Friday, December 6

Pantry 9:00 A.M.
Caroling at Brookhaven 2:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 8

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Open Door Class Christmas Party,
MCL Kettering 4:30 P.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leaders

Judith Mathes & Sam Smith

Greeters

John & Lilia Shoemaker

Trustee

Jan Mains

Toddler Room Assistant

Cecelia Long

VAN DRIVER FOR DECEMBER 8

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!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 1:68-79](#)
- [Luke 3:1-6](#)

PANTRY FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY

Pantry food truck delivery Wednesday, December 4, at 11:00 A.M. Please volunteer to help unload & restock.

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.

RENEWAL BIBLE STUDY ZOOM MEETING LINK

We have Renewal Hour Bible Study in person and on Zoom. Please call the church office to receive the Zoom meeting link.

2025 PLEDGE CARDS

Please return your pledge card as soon as possible.

Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL

Pastor's Office Hours:

Mon. & Wed. 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm.
Please call 614-353-2664 for appointments through the week (Fri. & Sat. emergency only.)

Administrative Assistant

Carol McDougle

Director of Music

Michelle Forshaw

Church Musician

Michele Delduca

Treasurer

Fred Poland

Pantry Resource

Coordinator

Donna McCoy

Audio Visual Technician

Roger Christian

Toddler Room Attendant

Oscar Ndayisaba

Church Custodian

Vance Garner

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