



Welcome to
Homestead Park
United Methodist Church





Announcements

~ This Week ~



Today
Fourth Sunday of Advent
~ Love

Advent

BSA Troop 4 wants your shoes! Now collecting

gently worn shoes:

***Men's, Women's,
Children, and Baby***

All types of shoes are

**welcome! This is a
“no money” fundraiser**



*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

Please contact the office
for more information.

Sunday 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)

Sunday 5 pm

Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 9³⁰ am

Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

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for more information.**

Monday 6³⁰ pm

Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Monday 7 pm

Boy Scouts (4th Fl Annex Hall)

Tuesday 10am

Line Dancers (Fellowship Hall)

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

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for more information.**

Tuesday 7 pm

Just Recovery (Fellowship Hall)

Friday 10 am

Line Dancers (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturdays
and Sundays**

Homeless Ministry
(Fellowship Hall)



Upcoming Events



Saturday 12/24/22 7 pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service



Other Announcements




Opening Prayer (unison)

(Please stand as you are able)

**Ever-loving God, who
brought forth in this world
the very image of yourself
on a winter's day two
millennia in the past, we
give you our praise and**

thanksgiving that this gift
still lives with us today.
Bethlehem is our eternal
reminder that you are with
us and among us, that you
did not and will not

abandon your people, and
that you have shown us a
way to live and a way to
love. Let all who feel lonely
and without meaning or
hope, discover the Christ



child as Emmanuel. Let all
who feel busy and
preoccupied pause at the
manger to experience the
Emmanuel. Amen.



Call to Worship

(responsive)

(Please stand as you are able)



**Pastor: Love comes wrapped
as a baby,**

**People: God's love lying in a
manger.**

**Pastor: The ordinary conceals
the unspeakable;**

**People: God is with us. God
knows us. God is with us,
revealed in us. His name is
called Emmanuel.**



Pastor: God's love is coming to us.

People: God's love is with us, again and again with us.



Pastor: Soon and always, with us.

People: Emmanuel. God with us.

ADVENT

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



Lighting the Candle
Of Love



Hymn of Praise:
Little Town of
Bethlehem #230

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O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and
dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.

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Yet in thy dark streets
shineth the everlasting
light; the hopes and fears of
all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the
angels keep their watch of
wondering love.

O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the
King,
and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human
 hearts
the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will
receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter
in,
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas
angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

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Church Center App



Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings


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Doxology

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise
Him above, ye, heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.



Prayer of Dedication

(Please stand as you are able)

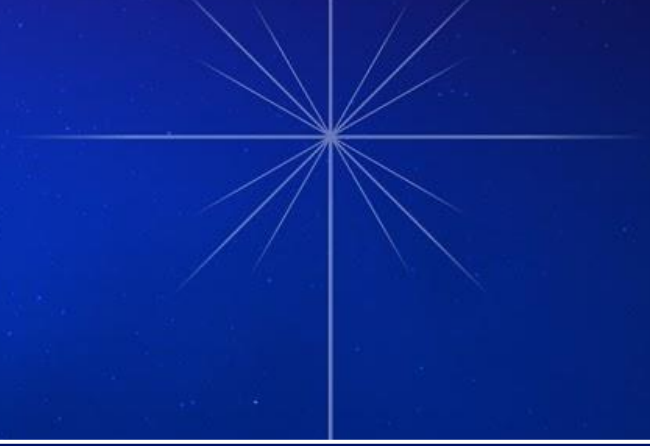


Our Time of Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Hymn #70

Glory be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.


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Our Scripture


Philippians 4: 4-7 NIV






**⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!**

**⁵ Let your gentleness be
evident to all. The Lord is
near. ⁶ Do not be anxious**



about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of



God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Message

The Arrival of God in
Our Midst!

Pastor Don Kephart




Hymn of Dedication
Angels from the Realms
of Glory #220

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Angels from the realms of
glory, wing your flight o'er
all the earth; ye who sang
creation's story now
proclaim Messiah's birth:


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**Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ,
the newborn king.**

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Shepherds, in the field
abiding, watching o'er your
flocks by night, God with us
is now residing; yonder
shines the infant light:




**Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ,
the newborn king.**

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Sages, leave your
contemplations, brighter
visions beam afar; seek the
great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:


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**Come and worship,
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worship Christ,
the newborn king.**

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Saints, before the altar
bending, watching long in
hope and fear; suddenly the
Lord, descending, in his
temple shall appear:




**Come and worship,
come and worship,
worship Christ,
the newborn king.**

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Benediction



Thank you for joining
us in worship!