Events this Week: Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Yoga 6:00pm Vespers

Tuesday December 5, 2023 5:30pm Advent Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:00pm Table Talk

Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:00am Choir Practice 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Children's Christmas Program Lunch & Caroling to Follow

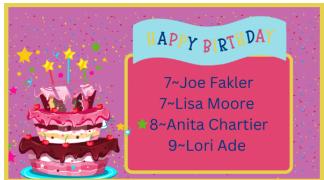
December 12, 2023 5:30pm Advent Bible Study

Saturday December 16, 2023 9:00am Ladies Coffee at Jitters

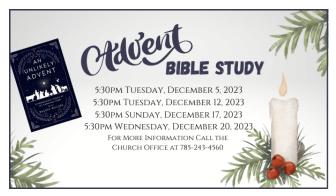




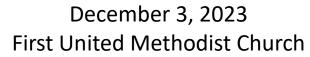












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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE AND CHIMES —BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pam Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda Morgan

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH#213

(Stanzas 1-3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We gather again at the end of the year to wait for the Christ child anew.

PEOPLE: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

LEADER: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.

PEOPLE: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

LEADER: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's justice and mercy turning the world upside down.

PEOPLE: We wait in the shocking hope of the coming of the Messiah.

LEADER: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promise.

SONG OF PRAISE Have Thine Own Way #382 Vs. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER

God of justice and peace, raise our heads in expectation, so we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

ADVENT HYMN Light the Advent Candle #2090 Vs. 1

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Nevaeh & Dakota Valcoure

HOLY COMMUNION #12

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Revive us so that we can call on your name. Restore us, Lord God of heavenly forces! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!" ~ Psalm 80:18b-19

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY #94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Great God of wonderful surprises: we enter this season of preparation for your Son's coming, looking not for just a memory of past events, but anticipating a return. The master is near. We strive to get our lives in order and pray that our giving of ourselves to these preparations might reflect the earth-shaking importance of his coming. Help us to give ourselves generously, for we do not know the time -- day or the hour. We pray in the name of the one who will come. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9

HYMN Lord, Listen to Your Children #2207

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Thoman

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37

AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Playing Peekaboo with God" Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

OUR PURPOSE

What is our purpose?

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #196

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Let there Be Peace on Earth #431

POSTLUDE

