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December 8, 2024

8:30 am

**Prelude** – Marsha Gaffin

**Welcome and greeting** - Pastor Dave York

**Call to Worship** - Kathy McKinley

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**People: We come to worship and rejoice.**

Leader: Again, I say rejoice!

**People: We come to worship and rejoice!**

Leader: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

**People: We come to worship and rejoice.**

Leader: The Lord is near!

**People: We come to worship and rejoice the One who is with us!**



*The Second Sunday of Advent*

**Opening Hymn** - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211 - Jan Mix, accomp.

**Prayer of Illumination – Holy God of Light and Love: Lead us through this season of journey, not only in our worship, but also in our living. Ignite not just candles, but the flames of our faith, that we might more fully trust you with all we are and all we have. As we offer our gifts to you, open our hearts to the joy of generosity, that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** - Doug and Alice Hall, Jeff and Mary Breshears

**Advent Response** - “Light One Candle” vs 1 & 2

**I. The birth Jesus was foretold and the way prepared** – John the Baptist “Prepare & Celebrate” - Sanctuary Choir

**II. An angel appears to Mary** - “Bethlehem Boy” - Children’s choir

**III. An angel appears to Joseph Scripture** – Matthew 1:18- 21 - “Joseph’s Song” by Michael Card – Taylor York -solo

**IV. Others hear about Jesus’ birth & go to meet him** - Scripture – Luke 2:8-14 – “The First Noel” - UMH 245 v. 1, 2, 4

**Prayer Time/Lord’s Prayer**

**V. Rejoice - You are part of the story!** Scripture – Isaiah 2:3-5 - “I Do Not Come to Bethlehem Alone” - Sanctuary Choir

**Next Steps, Offering & Doxology**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving – Abundant God, we give you thanks for the gifts you have given. May you bless them and use them to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring comfort to those in need. May we offer our very selves as we proclaim your good news of love and grace to all people. Amen**

**Closing Hymn** – “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” UMH 218

**Benediction**



Doug & Alice Hall, Mary Stephenson, Jennifer Bell, Richard Hansen, June Baker, Doug Wakeley, Margary Scheele, Norma McCallister, Esther Polson, Linda Steele

The Richard Allen Christmas Tea is this afternoon at 4 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids. Contact Ed for tickets, (816)805-4771.



**Christmas Caroling**  
December 12  
10 am - 12 pm



If you love to Christmas carol, you're invited to join the staff on Dec. 12 from 10 am to noon as we visit some of our church family. Please RSVP to the church office by Dec. 11 if you want to join us.

Wingtips is for any woman who has lost a spouse. They will have their Christmas dinner Dec. 13 at 5:30 pm here at the church. To RSVP call 682-5374.



**LET'S DO LUNCH**  
TUES. DEC 17, 12:00 PM

You're invited to lunch at Pullman Place Restaurant, 230 Cherokee St, on Tuesday, December 17 at noon. Great food and fellowship.

The First Presbyterian Church, 407 Walnut St. is having a special Blue Christmas service on Wed. Dec. 18 at 6 pm for anyone grieving or lonely this holiday season. Everyone is welcome.



**MEN'S PRAYER & STUDY BREAKFAST**  
DEC. 21  
8:00 AM

Men are invited to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, December 21 at 8 am. For more info, contact Mike at [hairymule@gmail.com](mailto:hairymule@gmail.com) or Dave at [dlandis@hughes.net](mailto:dlandis@hughes.net).

Refuge is for 7th - 12th grade students. They meet at 6 pm for dinner, Bible study and fun. For details, email Kristen, [khowell@fumclvks.org](mailto:khowell@fumclvks.org). Fusion 56 is for 5th & 6th grade students. They meet is Dec. 15 at noon for a Christmas party, contact Nancy for info, [nshade@fumclvks.org](mailto:nshade@fumclvks.org).



Each year we deliver cookie bags to first responders who work the holiday to keep our community safe. We will pack the cookie bags for them on Wed. Dec. 18 at 1 pm. Please bring your cookie donations to the church office by Dec. 18. Thank you.

Christmas Eve service is a holiday tradition! We will have two identical services at 5:30 & 7:00 pm. The Leavenworth Brass ensemble will play in between at 6:30 pm. Make plans to join us.



Trinity House is a food pantry and clothing closet at 2101 10th Ave. They need warm clothing that is gently used and food donations. Drop off times are Tues-Thurs from 10 am to 1 pm. Call (913) 682-7474 for details.

Stronghold is a food pantry for soldiers at Ft. Leavenworth. They're in need of canned tuna, chicken, mac & cheese, pasta sauce, and pasta. We have a plastic tote for donations in the foyer.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday  
**WEEKLY**  
*Sneak Peek*

**Tuesday, December 10**

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study  
1:00 pm Book Club

**Wednesday, December 11**

8:30 am Mother's Morning Out  
9:00 am Prayer Group  
1:30 pm Heart & Soul  
3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday  
5:30 pm Grief Share  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 12**

10:00 am Christmas Caroling  
6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study

**Friday, December 13**

5:30 pm Wingtips

**DIGITAL OFFERING**



Online giving is available at [fumclvks.org/give](http://fumclvks.org/give) or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at [sshade@fumclvks.org](mailto:sshade@fumclvks.org).



Each Christmas we take a special offering to help people in need. This year in addition to Samaritan's Buffet, we're giving to Global Hope. They have orphanages in Romania, Kenya and India. Please use the Christmas envelope or mark your check.



Unity in the Community and Harvest International church are hosting a Christmas Giveaway. They'll be giving hats and gloves, groceries and presents to needy families. If you'd like to donate, bring hats and gloves to the church office by Dec. 18. Contact Ed for more info, [egarven@fumclvks.org](mailto:egarven@fumclvks.org).