

Perry Hall United Methodist Church

December 17, 2023

(**Stand as you are able)

WELCOME – RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ *Please sign the Ritual of Friendship and pass down the row. When everyone has signed, please pass it back to the center, noting those on your row that you may not know. Be sure to greet them after the service!* ~

ORGAN PRELUDE Meditations On “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”
- James Southbridge

CHORAL INTROIT “Psalm 89” Saliers

****OPENING HYMN** “Hail To The Lord’s Anointed” pg. 203 UMH

** CALL TO WORSHIP

L: You know what time it is,

P: how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

L: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

P: the night is far gone, the day is near.

L: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

P: and put on the armor of light.

OPENING PRAYER

Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent, and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (by Lisa Hancock of Discipleship Ministries)

Readers: When God’s people were surrounded by hardship, suffering, and grief, ... igniting fierce joy where mourning and heartache prevail.

P: We wait as people who experience hardship and pain, yet we are called to witness to the persistent joy that sustains our life as God’s people.

Reader: We light these candles as signs of our shocking hope, just peace, and fierce joy. May our lives shine with the fierce, tenacious joy of the Light who lives in our hearts as we wait and work for the coming of God’s kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

We light three candles.

CHILDREN’S STORY

****PRAISE SONGS** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”
“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”
“The Snow Lay On The Ground”
“Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow”

CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL ANTHEM “Candles of Advent” Price & Besig

****SCRIPTURE** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Pg. 205 New Testament

THE MESSAGE “At The Coming” **Rev. Margery Schammel**

****CLOSING HYMN** “Love Came Down At Christmas” pg. 242 UMH

**BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

ORGAN POSTLUDE “Ding, Dong, Merrily On High” French Carol



Children’s Story – Carole Webner

Acolyte – Trystan Boyd

Altar Guild – Lois Welsh & Bettye Gramlich

MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY

“The Lord With You” – Luke 1:26-38

OUR PRAYER LIST

Dean Martin, Kitty Doster, Danny Benner, those suffering with vertigo, cancer, debilitating illnesses, addictions, those in war-torn countries, and those needing ongoing prayer.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Jesus Birthday Celebration

Monday Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Bible Study 12 pm

Scouts 6-7 pm

Scouts 7:30-8:30

Wednesday Choir and Band rehearsals 7 pm

Thursday Scouts 6:15-7:30 pm

Friday

Saturday

Thrift Shop 9:00 am-12 pm

Folk Music Night 7 pm



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service as we celebrate **Jesus's Birthday**, complete with cake! The United Women of Faith are sponsoring this event. Come and join others who celebrate their birthdays in the same month as you. There will be goodies to enjoy, as well as great fellowship!

You are invited to enjoy **The Perry Hall Chorale Christmas Concert TODAY at 3 pm**. There will be lots of great music, both vocal and instrumental, as well as dancers and children. As always, it is sure to be a fabulous afternoon!

Come join in **A Winter Craft Event** on Sunday, January 28th, after the service. There will be crafts for all to make as well as treats for you to enjoy!

Looking ahead, we have a **Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale** scheduled for January 27th. Mark your calendars NOW to save the date. We will need helpers in the kitchen, the dining area, and the bake sale. We will also need some delicious baked goods, too!! Look for a sign up in a few weeks.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

9:30 am - Worship with Sunday School

7:00 pm - Family Candlelight Service with Communion

10:30 pm - Pre-Worship Concert

11:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Communion

The Church Office will be closed from December 23rd - January 2nd .

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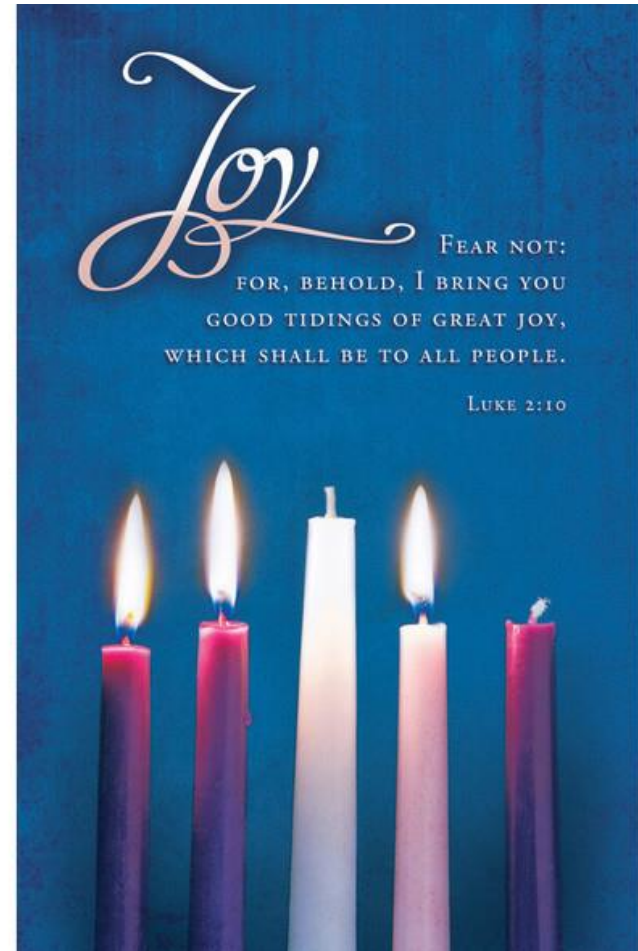
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