

# Perry Hall United Methodist Church

December 3, 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** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Gordon Young

**CHORAL INTROIT** “Psalm 89” Saliers

**\*\*OPENING HYMN** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” pg. 196 UMH

## \*\* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

P: and be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

## OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Readers: In the days of exile and uncertainty, ... “therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come”.

P: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

*We light the first candle.*

## DECORATING OF THE TREES

We place our prayers and hopes at the feet of Jesus as we place the decorative balls upon the Christmas trees. Please come forward as you are able to decorate the trees.

## CHILDREN’S STORY

**\*\*PRAISE SONGS** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”  
“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”  
“Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting)”  
“Emmanuel”

## CELEBRATION OF OUR SHARED MINISTRY

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “I Will Dwell In You” Cynthia Gray

**\*\*SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg.694 OT) **Old Testament**  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (pg.166 NT) **New Testament**

**THE MESSAGE** “The Potter and the Clay” Rev. Margery Schammel

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*~~ A time of silent confession~~*

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people.

P: Glory to God. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical Setting A, pp. 17-18 UMH)

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing .... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All singing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ .... in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All singing: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit .... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**All singing: Amen, amen, amen.**

## GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*~Please follow the direction of the ushers. You will come to the table by the center aisle. You will partake of the bread and cup. You may kneel for prayer after. You will return to your seats by the side aisles.~*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" pg. 213 UMH

## **\*\*BENEDICTION**

**SENDING FORTH** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People" J. Westenkuehler



**Children's Story** – Heather Mager

**Acolyte** – Sydney Lee

**Altar Guild** – Kim Cole – Heather Zell – Peggy Winchester

## **MESSAGE FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

"The Potter and the Clay" – Old Testament-Isaiah 64:1-9  
New Testament-1 Corinthians 1:3-9

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**

Dean Martin, Cindy Hooten, 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**

**Monday** Bible Study 7 pm

**Tuesday** Bible Study 12 pm

Scouts 6-7 pm

**Wednesday** Choir and Band rehearsals 7 pm

**Thursday** WISH Group 10:30 am

Scouts 6-7 pm

United Women of Faith 7 pm

**Friday** Set up for Breakfast with Santa 2-4 pm

**Saturday** Thrift Shop 9:00 am-12 pm

Breakfast with Santa 9:30-11:30 am

Dress Rehearsal (Chorale) – Sanc. 1:30-3:30 pm

Breakfast with Santa is on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Tea and Gingerbread House decorating are both on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Perry Hall Chorale Christmas Concert on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

Happy Birthday Jesus!! December 17<sup>th</sup>

## **Staff**

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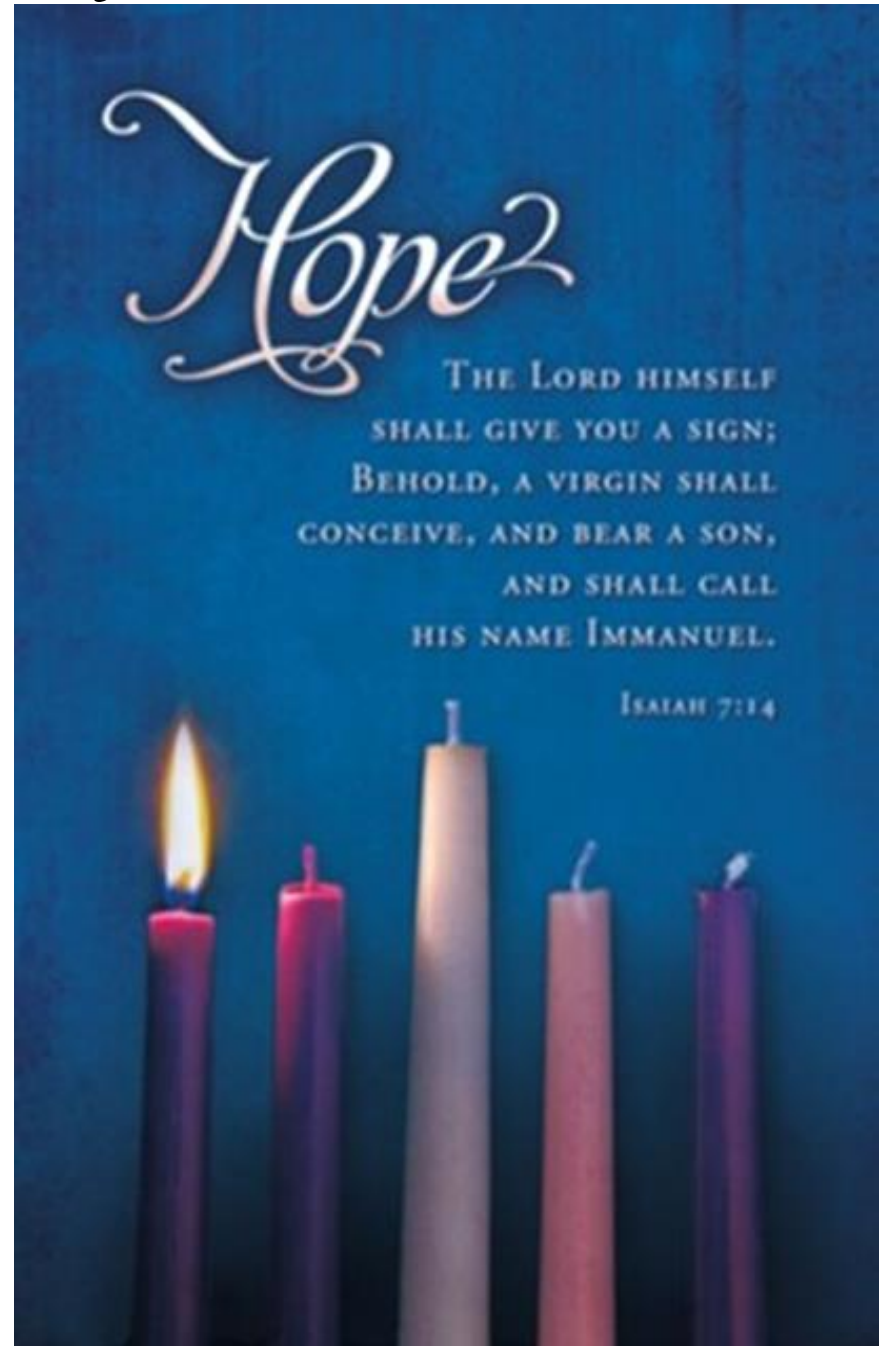
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