

# Faith United Methodist Church

Loving God... Reaching and Serving our Neighbors in Christ



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## **PRAYER LIST:**

Marilyn Kisabeth, Dean & Cheryl Strausbaugh, Jake Everhart, Anna Grover, Liz Barber Shirley Kear Valentine, Eunice Dupey, Snyder Family, Delores Little, Delores Agerter, Bob & Cherie Nichols. Covid: Wayne Kirby, George & Bonnie Rhoad, Beverly Roth, Colleen McGee, Carole Alspach, David Culp, Cheryl & Mike Huffman, Walt Burk, Marda Mason, Ryan & Emily Edelman, Pat Butturff, Marvin Perkins. Those having loss: Families of Tim Hoffman, Ethel Schleiter, Rev. Pete Bellamy, and Rodney Cole.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: WORSHIP BY PHONE - CALL (339) 207-6119.**

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: WEDNESDAYS, DEC. 16, 23 AT 6:00PM.**

**DECEMBER MISSION:** Working with First Call for Help to assist families at Christmas. Accepting \$25 Kroger or Walmart gift cards (or cash) thru 12/15; assisting families with gifts we'll need by 12/21. For more info, please contact Linda Cantley (419) 618-3727.

**STAFF APPRECIATION:** A Love Offering is being collected thru December 20th to honor our Staff at Christmas! Mark envelope "Staff Love Offering." Thank you!

# Order of Worship

Music provided by Nancy Ferguson and Jo Lynn Ferguson Rhodes

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **OPENING PRAYER**

O God of justice, whose wonderful promises of liberation from every form of human oppression inspire eager anticipation and hope, instill in us a faith that rejoices even when fulfillments seem remote. Grant that we may not be found sleeping in sin, but awake and rejoicing in Your newness of life. May the joyful promise of Your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. In the name of the coming Christ. Amen.

## **ADVENT WREATH: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

Sung Response *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*  
(Refrain to O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

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## **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

## **RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERING:**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **SCRIPTURE**

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

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## **SERMON**

*"Gospel Joy!"*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

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## **BLESSING**

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