

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 2, 2018
11:00 am Worship Service



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THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD FIRST SUNDAY

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Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Advent means "coming." The season proclaims the comings of the Christ – whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in the Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each Sunday in Advent has its distinctive theme. Jesus Christ's coming in final victory is the theme of the First Sunday.

Words of Greeting, Announcements, Joys, Concerns, and Prayer

Prelude "Pastoral Symphony" (by Handel)

You are asked to fill in the requested information and then pass to the next person the attendance registration pad found in each pew for that person to fill out.

***Congregational Introit:** "The Advent of our God"

The Advent of our God With Eager hearts we greet;
And we must praise Him in this hour With hymns and anthems sweet.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free;
With Father, Spirit, ever One Through all eternity. Amen

*Blessing of The Advent Wreath

L: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome Him.

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's Love.

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

P: Come, Lord Jesus.

**Please rise either in posture or in spirit.*

ALL: Loving God, Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Jesus Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn of Promised Coming:** UMH 196 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Lighting of The First Candle: Isaiah 60:2-3 (*Old Testament Page 649 in your pew Bible*)

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.

P: May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

Moment with The Children: Ruth Bailey

The Gathering of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

The Offertory “Prepare, Make Room” (arr. Barrett)

*The Doxology: UMH 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication & Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***Hymn of Preparation:** Combination of two Hymns (*insert*)

“When We All Get to Heaven”

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace;

In the mansions bright and blessed He’ll prepare for us a place.

Refrain: When we all get to Heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, We’ll sing and shout the victory.

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay.

Refrain

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we’ll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.

Refrain

“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more

And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair-

When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore

And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there!

Refrain: When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder-
When the roll is called up yonder I’ll be there

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,

Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;

Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done

And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll be there!

Refrain

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36 (*New Testament Pages 80-81 in your pew Bible*)

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Message: "The Second Coming of the King" – Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

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, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our Sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: 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, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and show mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree. You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a Cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Receiving

***Closing Hymn:** "The King is Coming"

The market place is empty, No more traffic in the streets,
All the builders' tools are silent, No more time to harvest wheat;
Busy housewives cease their labors, In the courtroom no debate,
Work on earth is all suspended As the King comes thro' the gate.

Chorus: O the King is coming, the King is coming!
I just heard the trumpets sounding, And now His face I see;
O the King is coming, the King is coming!
Praise God, He's coming for me!

Happy faces line the hallways, Those whose lives have been redeemed,
 Broken homes that He has mended, Those from prison He has freed;
 Little children and the aged Hand in hand stand all aglow,
 Who were crippled, broken, ruined, Clad in garments white as snow.

Chorus

I can hear the chariots rumble, I can see the marching throng,
 The flurry of God's trumpets, Spells the end of sin and wrong;
 Regal robes are now unfolding, Heaven's grandstand's all in place,
 Heaven's choir no assembled, Start to sing "Amazing Grace!"

Chorus

***Sending Forth with God's Blessing**

***Congregational Response:** Chorus of "The King is Coming"

***Postlude** "From Heaven Above" (by Held)

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Our Prayers: Anne & Don Stewart, Pastor Wayne Chung, Eileen Klase whose mother passed away recently, Tim Perry (father of VIP Megan Perry) diagnosed with brain cancer, Kathy Thorne, Sherry Fowler Harwood recovering from surgery, Kathy Wallace, Buddy Frost – diagnosed with dementia, Debbie Shefka & family, Tyler Madden, People in transition, Olivia Gammel – friend of Chris Heyer, Those who travel, For the healing of the nation.



Almost two years ago my friend's daughter, Olivia, was diagnosed with a large mass on her adrenal gland and Stage 4 High Risk Neuroblastoma (childhood cancer). It has been a very difficult year for their family with many treatments, surgeries, long hospitalizations and isolation. Through it all, Olivia and the family stayed strong and never lost their faith. Olivia is now 4 years old and miraculously she has been 1 year NED (No Evidence of Disease). Hallelujah! I want to thank all of you for your prayers over the past 2 years for Olivia and her family. This news is such a blessing and my heart is filled with joy to be able to share this news for you. Olivia still has

a long road ahead of her of experimental therapies designed to keep the disease in remission and potential side effects from the past two years of treatment. Olivia is now in preschool and their lives are starting to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Again, thank you for your prayers and your love!

***The flowers on the altar tables are given by Jim & Sharon Fowler
 In memory of Tom & Thelma Fowler's Anniversary & Thelma's birthday***

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Our Service:

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean, bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org
Music Team	Sandy Melson Griese, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Children & Youth Ministry Coord.	Courtney Eversfield, cymc@friendshipmethodist.org
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Will Fowler & Pat Shumate
Friendship Time	Ruth Zone (Cyndie Sybert)
Altar Guild for December	Marge Lewis (301) 855-6497
Stephen Ministry Coordinator	Paula Madden 443-262-2635 (C)
Pastor	Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr. revtyoung@friendshipmethodist.org

Our Presence: Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday 66
 Worship Attendance Last Sunday 242 Average Weekly Worship Attendance 199

Our Gifts: Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. ***Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!***

Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)

	January-October 2018					
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Var %		
General Fund	\$273,871	\$294,694	(\$20,823)	-7%		
Missions Fund	\$19,544	\$20,124	(\$580)	-3%		
P&I Fund	\$21,388	\$13,802	\$7,586	55%		
Building Fund	\$53,333	\$48,296	\$5,037	10%		
Kitchen Fund	\$24,474	\$8,325	\$16,149	194%		
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal	24	Other	5	YTD Cereal	1,239

*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$140,695/ Mortgage Loan Balance = \$284,593 as of October 31, 2018