

**Anthony United Methodist Church**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor Sheryl K. Ashley**

**December 2, 2018 10:00 AM**

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

Welcome, Announcements, Holy Greeting Shirley Nelson

Lighting of the first Advent Candle of HOPE by the Johnson Family.

**Congregational Response: the first verse of "The Candle of Hope",**  
written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillett. (insert, tune of "O Worship the King")

**\*Opening Song "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #172**

\*Call to Worship Liturgist: Eileen Klindt

L: Sing Praise to God with gratitude and Joy.

**P: The Promised One is Coming.**

L: God's Gift to the World is coming.

**P: The Promised One is Coming.**

**All: Fill our hearts with joy as we wait for the Promised One.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God of Grace and Hope, truly in this Advent Season we know you chose to be with us in the mystery of our lives. In the midst of lists and rush, you are with us as a song, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing and blessing and hope in us. Let something wonderful begin in us – something surprising and holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night when the promised one comes. Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Readings 1 Corinthians 15: 19-23 Eileen Klindt

**Responsive Reading Psalm 25: 1-10 #756**

Special Music "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Choir

Children's Message Roger Hladik

**\*Hymn of Preparation "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #103**

Second Reading Romans 8:23-30 Shirley Nelson

L: This is the Word of the Lord! P: Thanks Be to God!

Today's Message "Be Patient, The Promised One is Coming" Shirley Nelson

**God Calls Us to Respond**

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION p. 17 with sung response**

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology #95, Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196**

\*Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

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| Ministers.....        | EVERYONE!             |
| Pastor.....           | Pastor Sheryl Ashley  |
| Liturgist.....        | ...Eileen Klindt      |
| Organist/Pianist..... | Eileen Van Meeteren   |
| Choir Director.....   | Shirley Nelson        |
| Greeters.....         | Jerry & Eileen Klindt |
| Ushers .....          | Jerry & Eileen Klindt |

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

Bobby Lewis, Cal & Joyce Gothier, Tracy Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Susan Redenius, Royce Miller, Pastor Sheryl, Keith Determann, Jeff and Jamie Griebel (Jacque Gothier's brothers), Tina Madsen, Lois Duncan, Lyle Schram, Hannah Hoy, Anita Cooch, Haley Brown, Eunice Clause, Jean Petersen, Roger Nelson, and Janice Umbach

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

Today: Thank you to Shirley Nelson for leading our worship this morning.

Today: Lighting of the first Advent Candle – HOPE. Each Advent candle is represented on the new banners donated in memory of Colleen Kollbaum and Rosalie Hunwardsen.

Today: Hanging of the Greens - We will be Hanging the Greens after worship and sharing a soup lunch.

Pastor Sheryl will be available and keeping in touch by phone – 712-490-0345 during her recovery.

Choir Practice on Wednesday night, December 5, with after church worship practices starting on Sunday, December 9.

Cancer Support Group will meet on the first Thursday of the month,

December 6, at **4 PM** (note change of time).

Wednesday, December 12, the UMW will have its Christmas Gathering at the church at 11 AM, to prepare the cookie and fruit plates. The UMW would appreciate 3 dozen homemade cookies brought to the church and we will prepare the plates and deliver them and spread some holiday cheer. Then, we will enjoy our annual Christmas potluck together at the church. Mark your calendar and come join us.

Wednesday, December 12, the Anthon and Rock Branch Choirs will be singing Christmas carols at the Correctionville Nursing Home. Soup supper is at 6:00 PM with singing to start at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited!

Poinsettias: Flowers may be brought to decorate the church sanctuary any time – from now till Christmas. Please let the office know if they are given in memory or honor of someone special, so that it can be recorded.

Outreach Team is asking for nonperishable food donations to fill the shopping cart in the foyer. Cash donations may also be given. The food that is donated will be distributed to families in our area. Remember the Angel Tree with hearts for children in the community that otherwise wouldn't have Christmas presents. Please pick up a tag. Items need to be at the bank by Thursday, December 13. Thank you.

"The Concrete Christmas" play will be presented by the youth of Grace UMC of Correctionville on Saturday, December 15, at 5:00 PM, followed by a soup supper. Free will donation to help pay for their mission trip.

Sunday, December 16: The Youth Christmas Program will be during the worship service. The theme will be the history of the Christmas carols, with the congregation singing selected Christmas songs.

Sundays, December 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup>: NO Sunday School

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 PM

Help Wanted: Church administrative assistant – keyboarding and basic computer skills preferred, 6 hours per week, \$9 per hour, contact Andrea Mitchell for application at 712-490-0038 or contact Pastor Sheryl at 712-490-0345.

E-mail to Church: Please continue sending your e-mail messages to BOTH the church at AUMC5288@gmail.com and to Pastor Sheryl at graceska@aol.com.

Current Printed Copies of the District Newsletter and AUMC Focus are on the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

Current Copies of the Pastor's Sermons are on the back table and on the church's website.

November/December Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Susan Redenius (2), Teresa Johnson (3), Tye Petersen (3), Jerry Boggs (4), Kirk & Michelle Fitch (4), Roger & Beulah Sand (6)

Anthon Military: Sara Harbaugh, Tony Jensen, Dan Hoy, Bradley Roush, Melissa Roush, Andrew Renneker, Nick Brant, Jay Hoth, Nicholas Wadsworth, Bob Corrie, Trisha Thiessen, Randy Claussen, Louis Dahlman, Lucas Dahlman, Joshua Harris, Anthony Diamond, Brant Sharp, Clinton Pierce, Brennan Webb, and Jonathan Madsen  
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Next Sunday, December 9

Greeters: Mike Kerns, Lisa Kerns

Children's Time: Penny Rosso

Ushers: Jerry & Eileen Klindt

Reader: Marilyn Hladik

Dec. Cleaning: SPRC

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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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