

Anthion United Methodist Church

3rd Sunday of Advent

Pastor Sheryl K. Ashley

December 16, 2018 10:00 AM

(Undoubtedly God is the most joyous being in the universe...and God wants to share that joy with us through Jesus Christ!)

We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

Welcome, Announcements Pastor Sheryl

Lighting of the third Advent Wreath Candle of Joy by Autum and Taylor Hansen

***Congregational Response: third verse of "The Candle of Hope" (insert)**
(written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillett; sung to tune of "O Worship the King")

Holy Greeting Pastor Sheryl

***Opening Song "Prepare the Way of the Lord" #207 (a round)**

***Call to Worship** Liturgist: Ed Davis
L: We come to worship you, O God with the Joy of the baptized.
P: Thank you for sending John to prepare us for the coming of your Son, Jesus.

L: John came to call us to repentance by washing in the water of Jordan.
P: Jesus came to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with Fire.
All: Joy to the world, the God of our salvation is near...

***Opening Prayer** from Isaiah 12:2-6
Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid.
For the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say on that day;
Give thanks to the Lord, and call on his name;
Make known his deeds among the nations;
Proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing praise to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
Let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Readings Philippians 4: 4-7 Ed Davis

Youth Christmas Program – "The Story Behind the Twelve Days of Christmas"

Autum Hansen	Taylor Hansen	Kaycee Hoy
Reata Hoy	William Hoy	Wyatt Hoy
Dillon Johnson	Teresa Johnson	Lisa Kerns
Adam Mitchell	Jake Mitchell	

***Hymn of Preparation "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice #2089 TFWS**

Second Reading Luke 3: 7-19 Pastor Sheryl
L: This is the Word of the Lord! **P: Thanks Be to God!**

Today's Message "What Then Should We Do?" Pastor Sheryl

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
Prayer of Praise ...we respond **"Praise the Lord!"**
Prayer of Concern or request...we respond **"Lord, Hear Our Prayers"**
The Lord's Prayer

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

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Pastor.....Pastor Sheryl Ashley
Liturgist.....Ed Davis
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren
Choir Director.....Shirley Nelson
Greeters.....Andrea Mitchell & Family
UshersMitchell Family

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, Janice Umbach, and Barb Madsen
Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

Today: Lighting of the third Advent Candles – JOY. Each Advent candle is represented on the new banners donated in memory of Colleen Kollbaum and Rosalie Hunwardsen.

Today: Youth Christmas Program during worship service. Thank you to Andrea Mitchell for organizing this program.

Choir Practice after church.

FOCUS items and information are due on Friday, December 21. Thank you.

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 published.

Outreach Team is asking for nonperishable food donations to fill the shopping cart in the foyer – food is packed on **Monday, the 17th**. Cash donations may also be given. The food that is donated will be distributed to families in our area. Thank you.

Sundays, December 23rd and 30th: NO Sunday School

Monday, December 24: **Christmas Eve Service** at 6:00 PM – a service of carols, candles, and communion.

Sunday, December 23: Community Choir Christmas Cantata at the K-P School Auditorium at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome – free event- refreshments provided.

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.

Food Distribution on December 19, 2018, at 5:00 PM at the Mapleton Community Center.

Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 26 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the bank.

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.

January/February Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Jean Petersen (18), Gary Beeson (18), David & Dawn Zahnley (21), Jacque Gothier (22)

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 23

Greeters: Randy & Brenda Wolfe

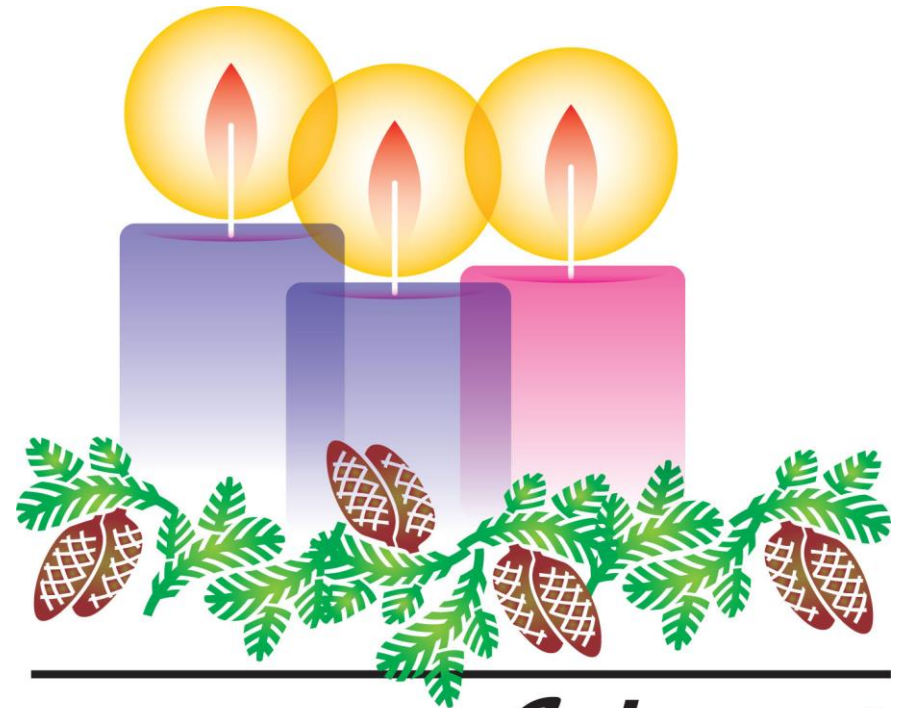
Children's Time: Pastory Sheryl

Ushers: Roger & Marilyn Hladik

Reader: Connie Ashley

Dec. Cleaning: SPRC

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