

Anthion United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Advent

Pastor Sheryl K. Ashley

December 23, 2018 10:00 AM

(To be obedient, even when you don't understand, is true faithfulness.)

We Gather in God's Presence

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

Welcome, Announcements Pastor Sheryl

Lighting of the fourth Advent Wreath Candle of LOVE by Mike and Lisa Kerns

***Congregational Response: 4th 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 "Tell Out, My Soul" #200**

*Call to Worship Liturgist: Connie Ashley

Canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) p. 199

with sung response Leader/Congregation

***Opening Prayer**

God of Life and Peace, we celebrate with Mary and Joseph the announcement of the coming birth of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We are amazed that you use the lowly and the humble, even the young virgin Mary, to make your love and grace known to us. With Mary we shall magnify your name and we shall rejoice in our Salvation forever.

With Micah, we await the time of final peace on earth and humbly ask you to use us to usher in your eternal reign on earth. We will forever celebrate the birth announced in today's gospel. Gracious and loving God, help us to find ways through the walls we have built around ourselves as a human family. We believe that with you all things are possible in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Readings Micah 5: 2-5a

Special Music "Bethlehemtown" Choir

Children's Message Pastor Sheryl

***Hymn of Preparation "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" #215**

Second Reading Luke 1: 39-45 Pastor Sheryl

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

Today's Message "Two Women: One Mission" 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 "That Boy-Child of Mary" #241**

*Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....	EVERYONE!
Pastor.....	Pastor Sheryl Ashley
Liturgist.....	Connie Ashley
Organist/Pianist.....	Eileen Van Meeteren
Choir Director.....	Shirley Nelson
Greeters.....	Randy & Brenda Wolfe
Ushers	Roger & Marilyn Hladik

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 fourth Advent Candles – LOVE. Each Advent candle is represented on the new banners donated in memory of Colleen Kollbaum and Rosalie Hunwardsen.

Choir Practice after church.

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

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

December 25- January 2: While Pastor Sheryl is away, Pastor Harold

Werley will be on call (712-873-3555). Also feel free to call Lay Leader, Shirley Nelson (712-373-5368).

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.

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: Adam Mitchell (26), Beulah Sand (27)

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 30

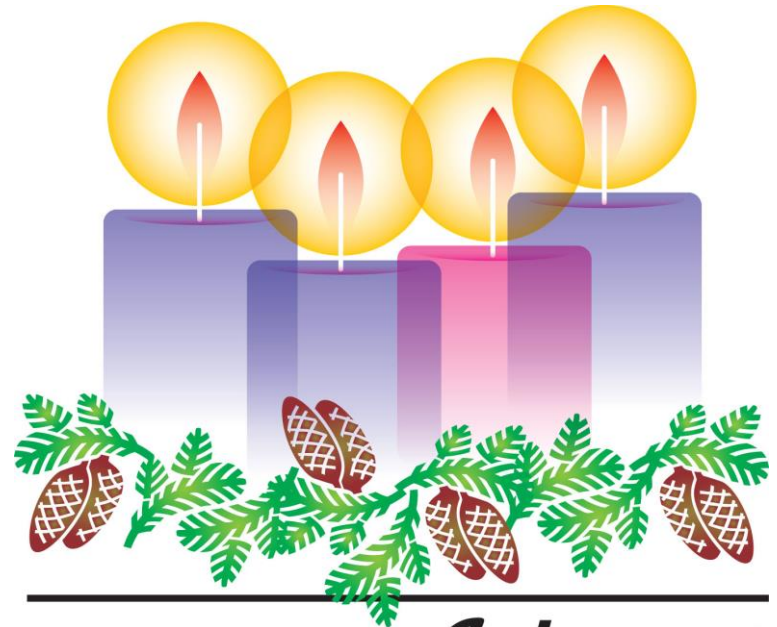
Ushers: Lloyd Parker, Jake Parker

Greeters: Marvin Hanson, Dale Hunwardsen Reader: Jake Mitchell

Children's Time: Shirley Nelson

Dec./Jan. Cleaning: SPRC/Worship

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