

Anthony United Methodist Church
1st Sunday of Advent
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
November 28, 2021 10:00 AM

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle of **HOPE** by Mitchell Family
Congregational Singing of Verse 1 of "Advent Song" TFWS #2090
Congregational Response: Let us expand our hearts as we gather. Let us receive God's word as we proclaim. Let us transform our lives as we pray. Let us have compassion for the world as we greet each other. Amen

Opening Song "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

Call to Worship Liturgist: JoLynne Reimert

L: Have you seen itthe Spark of Hope which God is placing among us.

P: All we can see is hectic lives, crowded stores, darkness and fear.

L: Look again.....the spirit of God is moving, bringing hope.

P: We need to place our hope in God, but we are afraid.

L: A long time ago, people were afraid and God brought to them Light.

P: May God bring that light to us today! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

It is so easy for us, Lord, to let the anger, frustration, and fear overshadow our lives. We can't seem to escape it. We feel the pressure to give, and resentment in giving. We feel the push to be present at every upcoming event, and want to run and hide. Help us, Lord. Heal our wounded spirits. Free us again to look to you for Hope, Forgive us for our fears and our stubbornness. Bring us again to your light, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Children's Story Roger Hladik

Hymn of Preparation "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH #196

Gospel Reading Luke 21: 25-36

Today's Message Roger Hladik

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology, Prayer of Dedication UMH #95

Closing Hymn "My Hope Is Built" UMH #368

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....JoLynne Reimert

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Joe Harbaugh, Nina Osborne, Ernestine Steinhoff, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, Brian Ashley, Dale & Virginia Hayworth, David Beach, Ed Davis, Bettina Perkins, Jim Sheriff & Family, Susan Redenius, Bonnie Flathers, Leroy Edwards & Family, Adam Beery, and Fritz Burow.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dec. 5: We will be holding a Boy Scout charge conference at the church by zoom conference. More details will follow.

Dec. 8: UMW meeting at 10am with potluck.

Dec. 8: Walk Through Bethlehem Experience, 6:30-8pm and Saturday, Dec. 11, at 5:30-7:30pm at the Faith Bible Church in Mapleton. Flyers are posted on bulletin board.

Dec. 19: Youth Christmas Program during worship service.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

Poinsettias: We would like to decorate the sanctuary with Poinsettias for the holiday season. If you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one, please do so and let the office know who is giving it and who it is in memory. If you would like to purchase one, but cannot pick it up, please let us know.

Bible Study: Starla Rook is holding a Bible Study for Advent. It will continue for the next 3 weeks, so join the Study Group in the fellowship hall on Tuesday nights at 7:00

Reminder: Sunday School has begun, starting at 9am. Please invite any youth that you know to come and learn about Jesus. Contact Andrea Mitchell 712-490-0038, if you like to be part of our team.

Missions: We are now collecting items for the Sheslar Hall **and now the Warming Shelter too.** Cheat sheets are on back table. If you are unable to shop, lets us do the shopping for you. Just write in memo, “Sheslar Hall” or “Warming Shelter” and we will take care of it. As always, monetary gifts are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Our church will again be supporting the Angel Tree. We will be collecting groceries for the Christmas food boxes for the needy. The grocery cart will be sitting in the foyer so please help fill it with non perishable food items. Monetary gifts are always welcome to purchase perishable items on date of delivery. More details to come.

November Readers: Dec. 5-Andrea Mitchell, Dec. 12-Marilyn Hladik

November Children’s Story: Dec. 5-Becky Marshall, Dec. 12-Rhonda Beeson

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Gary & Janice Brown (1), Susan Redenius (2), Teresa Johnson; Tye Petersen (3), Kirk & Michelle Fitch (4).

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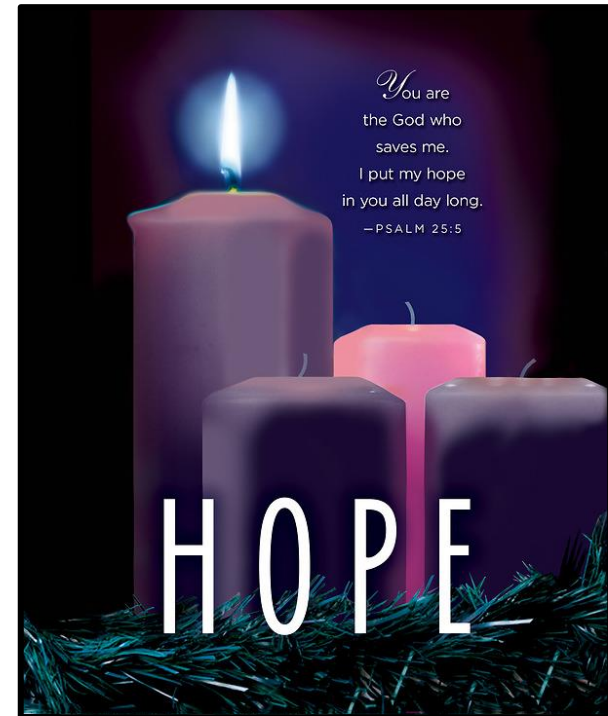
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Quote of the Week

*“A person can do incredible things if he or she has enough hope.” —
Shannon K. Butcher*