

Anthon Community Methodist Church
1st Sunday of Advent
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
November 30, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent candle of Hope (Please see bulletin insert)

Opening Song “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” UMH #236

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Tim Hoy

L: Beloved, once again, we embark on the Advent path that points us to the coming of Jesus.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We remember the signs and the times that heralded the arrival of the baby Jesus, God Incarnate.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: We tell the stories once again as we learn how to discern the signs and the times, watching for glimpses of God's here-and-not-yet kingdom among us.

P: We journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

L: Come, let us worship God who shines a light to guide us on the path to peace and flourishing for all creation.

P: Come, let us worship as we journey together toward the day that all the earth awaits.

Opening Prayer

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son to be born of our sister Mary. His name was Emmanuel: God with Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come, Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer. Come among us, O God, and hear our prayers, so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. AMEN.

Erin Baird

“Light of The World”

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Second Reading

Romans 13: 11-14

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

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 11: 2-12

Today Message

“John the Baptist”

Kathy Hodgdon

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology #95**

Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Ever watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Closing Hymn

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

UMH # 664

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Tim Hoy

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Elwanda Sheriff, Sally Schram, Kathy Hodgdon, Evelyn Dicks (Becky Marshall's mother), Eileen Klindt, Lyle Schram and Roger Nelson.
Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Flowers on the altar are in Memory of Keith Allman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 30: Hanging of the Greens.

December 11: W.O.F. meeting 10:30 a.m.

December 15: Ad Board and Finance meeting. 4:30 p.m.

December 17: W.O.F. meal deliveries. 10:30

December 17: A Walk Through Bethlehem, 6pm-8pm. Details on Flyer in fellowship hall.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service. 6:00 p.m

Mission Projects:

We will continue to collect clothes and blankets for the Gospel Mission and the Warming Shelter until December 1. There is a tote in the fellowship hall for gloves, mittens and scarves for the warming shelter.

Nov./Dec Readers: Dec. 7-Roger Hladik, Dec. 14- Sue Wilson, Dec. 21-JoLynne Reimert, Dec. 28-Kathy Hodgdon

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Gary & Janice Brown (1), Teresa Johnson (3), Kirk & Michelle Fitch (4).

Nov./Dec. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You! **If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.**

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