Memorial United Methodist Church

November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship -

Come, let's go together to God's mountain—a mountain of God's glory and peace.

Let's prepare for Christ's arrival—

the birth of the prince of peace.

Come, let's worship the Spirit of love.

Clothed in Christ's love, we are ready to worship and pray.

*Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" UMH 211

Lighting of the First Advent Candle - Hope

Reader: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)

We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family.

It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

"Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Opening Prayer

Draw near to us, O God, even as we draw near to you. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence, and wake us up from the sleep and inattention holding us back. Prepare us to receive your love, even as we prepare our lives to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. In joyful hope, we pray. Amen.

Hymn "People Look East" UMH 202

Prayer of Confession

Praying together

Even when we're tired, Lord, we long to awake to your presence. Even when we're distracted, we yearn to be held spellbound by your power. Even when we're lost and wander away from you, we hope to rest safely in the arms of your grace. Wake us from sleep, O God; reveal your love and mercy, and grant us the peace of your redemption. In humble gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Hymn "View the Present through the Promise" TFWS3048

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Bible Lesson with Gramdma

Time of Personal Prayer for the concerns of the Heart.

Special Music "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Reading of the Psalm

Message

*Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

UMH 569

Benediction

Dismissal with God's Blessing

* Please Stand If you are Able

Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. *John Wesley*

Concerns:

Nina Meca Gene May Beverly Patton
Carol Moore Joe Heilman Cindy Sawyer
Jensen Webb Tallman family Kevin Starcher
Larry Truman Christie Springston Holly

Unspoken Prayers
The Unchurched of our Community
Those affected by the recent natural disasters
Families suffering the loss of loved ones

Those suffering from Coronavirus and those working on a cure

To add a concern to the Prayer list - please complete a Prayer card or slip of paper and place it in the Offering Plate.

24 Hour Prayer Line 1-888-388-2683 A Place to Pray

For those times when you need a quiet place to bring your concerns to God and let Him guide you, we have a Prayer Chapel at the back of the Sanctuary. It is available anytime the church is open or by contacting the Pastor.

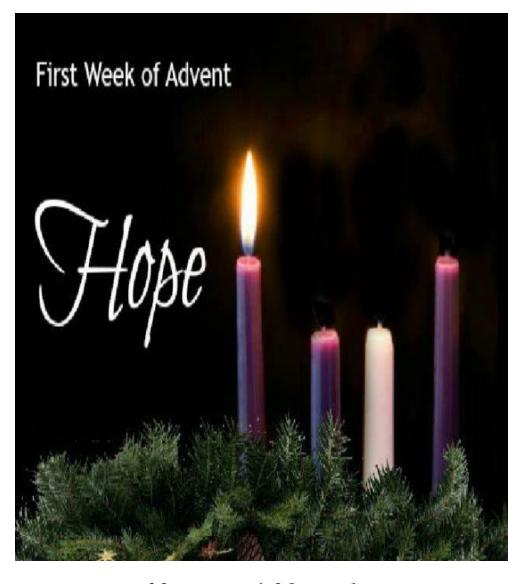
On-line/ At Home Worship

Website - <u>www.spencermemorialumc.org</u>
On FaceBook - Memorial UMC - Spencer
On- Youtube - MEMUMC Spencer

The Sunday Morning Service will be uploaded that Sunday afternoon. If you missed a Worship Service and want a DVD, contact Phil and let him know which week you want, we have a DVD file of the services.

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IN GOD'S LOVE, WE FIND REST. IN CHRIST'S GRACE, WE RECEIVE FORGIVENESS. IN THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE, WE KNOW PEACE. THANKS BE TO GOD.



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