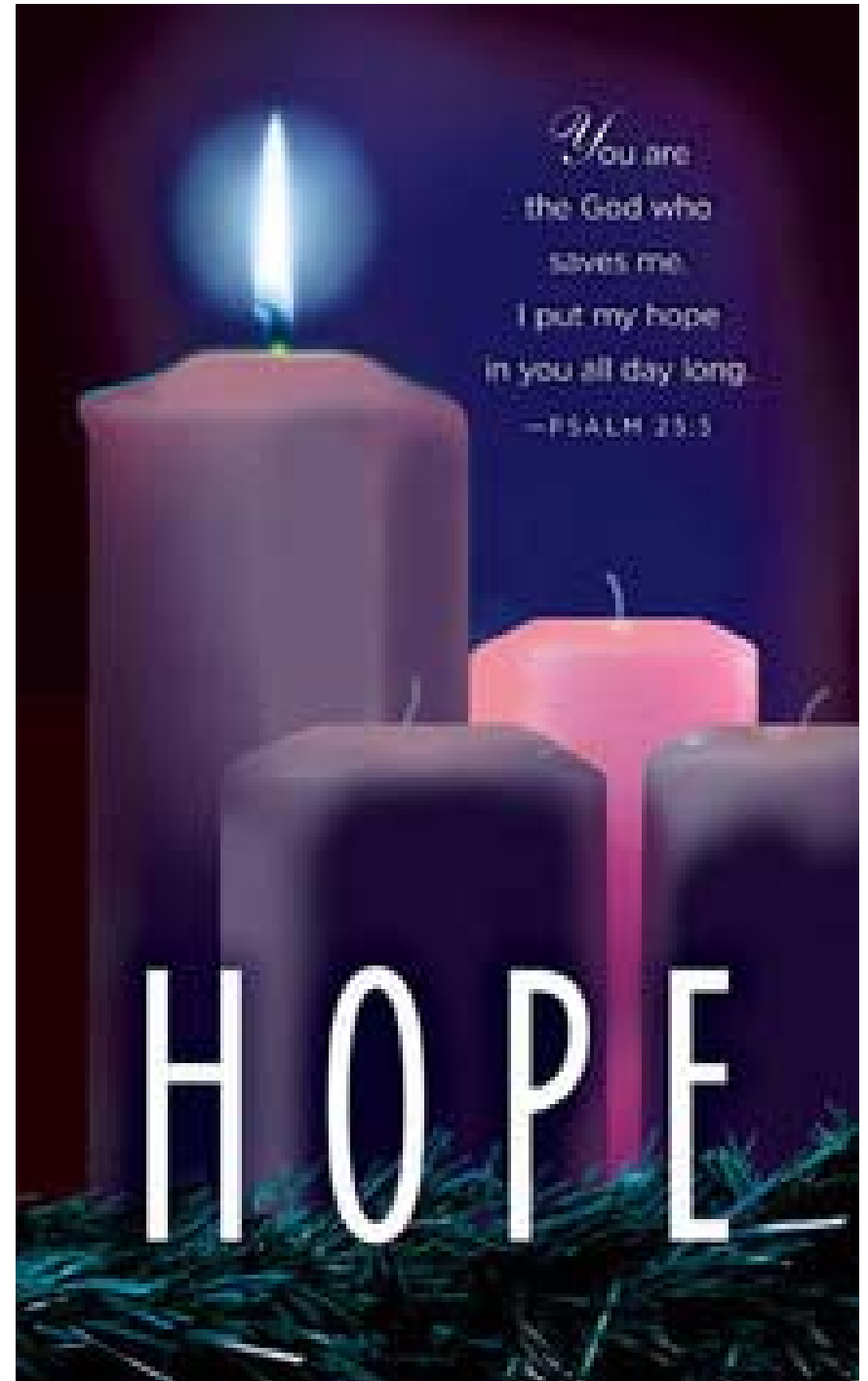


SERMON NOTES  
"Jesus Is Coming Again!"  
Mark 13:24-37



*You are*  
the God who  
saves me.  
I put my hope  
in you all day long.  
—PSALM 25:5

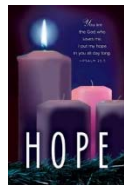
HOPE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 3, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

8:30 SERVICE ON THE SCREEN    11:00 SERVICE BELOW



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE    "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"    (trad. French)  
ConwayRingers

*(Please pass the attendance book in your row.)*  
*(Guests, please be sure to list your address, phone number and email address.)*

SERVICE OF LIGHT    *Acolytes*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Are we ready? This question, put to us on this first Sunday in Advent, is a very personal one. Christ comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead. Are we ready?

**Revive us, O Lord, God of heaven's countless hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Are we ready? Ready for the coming of Christ Jesus with the mercy which is judgement and the judgement which is mercy? Are we ready?

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ADVENT WREATH SERVICE    Kary Kramer  
LIGHTING OF HOPE CANDLE    Harry and Denise Kramer  
INVOCATION UMH No. 201    "Advent"

MORNING HYMN UMH No. 196    "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

The money today in the Children's Coin Jar will go to support the efforts of the Tyrand Cooperative Ministries, Inc.

All 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join the Children's Church in the Orange Room on the second floor during the 11:00 Worship Service

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory –    "I Hear the Prophet Callin"    (Choplin)    Chancel Choir  
Will Roboski

Doxology – UMH No. 95    "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE    Mark 13:24-37

SERMON    "Jesus Is Coming Again!"    Brian Seders

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF INVITATION UMH No. 230    "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
vs 1, 3-4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE    "Midnight Clear"    (Sears)

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of November 26)

**RECOVERING AT HOME**

**DAVIS MEDICAL CENTER** – Jim McCloud

**MILITARY** – Joel DiStefano (Andy Montgomery's cousin), Sgt. Lantz Elbon (Tim and Beth Conklin's son-in-law), Tyler Fretwell, Max Jeffries (Heidi Jeffries' son), Robert Jerow (Jerry Jerow's son), Ryan Murphy, Tristan Reneau, (Carolyn Shepler's nephew), Patrick Spears, Isaac Stalnaker (Denise "Stalnaker" Losh's son), Patrick Thompson (Sue Mallow's Son), Joel Timmons (Seth and Michelle Pratt's son-in-law), Aaron Wetsch, Max White (Andy Montgomery's nephew), Sgt. Megan White (Kit Phillips' niece), Ann Urban

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** – Crosby Bender, Jack Calain, Faye Cowgill, Dee Clark, Maxine Cooper, Gary Crawford, Mary Sue Daniels, Mike Despar, Ryan DiBacco (John DiBacco's son), Don Fitzwater, Nellie Galford, Mary Ann Gay, Barbara Halperin (Rachel Montgomery's mother), Skylar Harman, Jeri Hatch, Amelya Hensley, Janis Hensley, Ruth Hepler, Mike Herron, Kristin Hinchman, Sharon Hinchman, Bob Hinkle, Halie House, Evonne Howell, Kendra Kalar, Lois Kessler, Dana Kirkpatrick, Jack Maynard (Seth Maynard's son), Patty McCloud, Sharon McQuain, Norma Kerr Metzger, Jeremiah Myers, Alex Nelson, Roy Nelson, Bill Patterson, John Phillips (Jennifer Wanless' father), Joan Plant, Tommy and Anne Pritt (Dale Goodman's cousins), Nancy Rotruck (Jane Corley's sister), Frank Santmyer, Susan Seders, Tommy Scott (Bill Umbright's grandson), Jason Snyder, Norma Stalnaker, Steve Stemple, Margie Sutton, Miranda Trader, Ed Tyre, Hollis Vance, Betty Walden, Dick Walden, Lewis Ware, Tom Williams, Margaret Winans

**COLONIAL PLACE** – Rose Barnett, Hope Caplinger, Jo Criss, Millie Metheny, Mary Margaret Morrison, Katie Sayres

**ERCC** – Dixie Gutmann, Paul Mullins, Connie Pizzino

**LAVENTAR FIELDS** – Helen Kramer

**NELLA'S** - Mabel Phares

**VALENTINE'S** – Robert Fretwell

**✠CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY✠**

We express our sympathy to Bob Cowgill and family upon the death of his sister.

**Daily Bible Readings**

Mon – Romans 13 Thurs – Isaiah 40:1-11 Sun – Mark 1:1-8

Tues – Romans 14 Fri – Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Wed – Romans 15 Sat – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**Weekly Memory Verse:**

"The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:09

Theme for Sunday, December 10

Scripture Passage: Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Title: A Walk to Remember (possible character sketch on John the Baptist)

**WE CARE MINISTRIES**

If you have any Thinking of You cards that you would like to donate, please bring in to the church office for the We Care Group. It will be much appreciated.

**Advent Program Practice**

Children or Youth who are participating in the Advent Dinner program this evening are asked to show up for practice at 4:45 pm in the Family Life Center.

I will support my church with my presence and gifts"

November 26, 2017

**ATTENDANCE:**

8:30 AM Worship	47
Sunday School	33
11 AM Worship	192

GIFTS: Weekly Collection \$7,760.65

Our 2017 Budget is \$436,000.

**ADVENT CANDLE FOR MISSIONS: Beginning December 3rd, the 1st Sunday in Advent, we will keep a candle burning on the altar for missions. For each \$1 donated, that candle will remain lit for one hour. This year the money collected will go to support our Communion Fund which is helping needy families by assisting with food, medicines, rent, shelter, utilities bills, Ensure for the Senior Center and quarterly donations to Women's Aid In Crisis, Tyrand Cooperative Ministry and Helping Hand Clearing House.**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, at 6 pm in the Parlor.

Of Things Above Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9, at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Circle 1 (Hitchcock) Christmas Covered Dish Dinner on Tuesday, December 12 at 6 pm.

Circle 2 (Conway/Galford) Christmas Party on Thursday, December 14, at 1 pm in the Parlor.

Circle 4 (Armentrout/Gay) Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13, at 11:30 am at 1863 Grill and Restaurant.

Circle 5 (Wetsch/Hyre) Christmas Luncheon and Making Care Baskets on Thursday, December 14, at 11 am in the Family Life Center.

Finance Meeting on Thursday, December 28, at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3 PM / Friday 8:30 AM – 12-noon PH: 304-636-0660

Pastor: Brian Seders (304-636-0406 Home)

Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Elmer

Director of Christian Education: Kary Kramer

Financial Secretary: Danielle Taylor

Music Director: Gale Poe

Pastor Emeritus: Basil Hensley

Custodian: Angela Kisner

Nursery Worker: Jennifer Wanless

### COME, SHARE, REJOICE...

#### SUNDAY, December 3 (Mark 13:32-37)

- 8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
- 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
- 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH / Orange Room (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)
- 12:00 PM CANTATA REHEARSAL / Sanctuary & Choir Room
- 3:00 PM OF THINGS ABOVE PRACTICE / Sanctuary
- 4:45 PM CHILDREN'S ADVENT PROGRAM PRACTICE / FLC
- 6:00 PM FAMILY ADVENT DINNER / FLC

#### MONDAY, December 4 (Isaiah 40:1-8)

- 9:00 AM QUILTERS / Basement
- 10:00 AM GRACE BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 11:00 AM STAFF MEETING / C J Maggie's
- 6:00 PM DEN 1 MEETING (Harris) / FLC
- 7:00 PM CONWAYRINGERS REHEARSAL / Handbell Room
- 7:00 PM DEN 3 MEETING (Straley) / Middle School Room (Blue Room)

#### TUESDAY, December 5 (Isaiah 40:3-11)

- 12:00 PM WE CARE MEETING / Parlor (Bring sack lunch)
- 5:00 PM DEN 2 MEETING (Ward) / FLC (5PM-6PM)
- 6:00 PM DEN 6 MEETING (Reed) / Youth Sunday School Room
- 6:00 PM STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING / Parlor
- 7:00 PM TROOP 88 MEETING / Scout Room Basement

#### WEDNESDAY, December 6 (Psalm 85:1-2, 8-9)

- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 6:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL / Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL / Choir Room
- 7:15 PM CANTATA PRACTICE / Choir Room

#### THURSDAY, December 7 (Psalm 85:8-13)

- SET UP FOR EHS FOOTBALL BANQUET / FLC
- 6:00 PM EHS FOOTBALL BANQUET / FLC
- 6:30 PM BACKPACK PROGRAM / FLC Stage & Parlor

#### FRIDAY, December 8 (2 Peter 3:8-15a)

- 6:00 PM OF THINGS ABOVE REHEARSAL / Sanctuary

#### SATURDAY, December 9 (Mark 1:1-6)

- 6:30 PM OF THINGS ABOVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT / Sanctuary

#### LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, December 10 (Mark 1:1-8)

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In honor of (living): \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mailing Address**

**(where florist should send bill):**

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