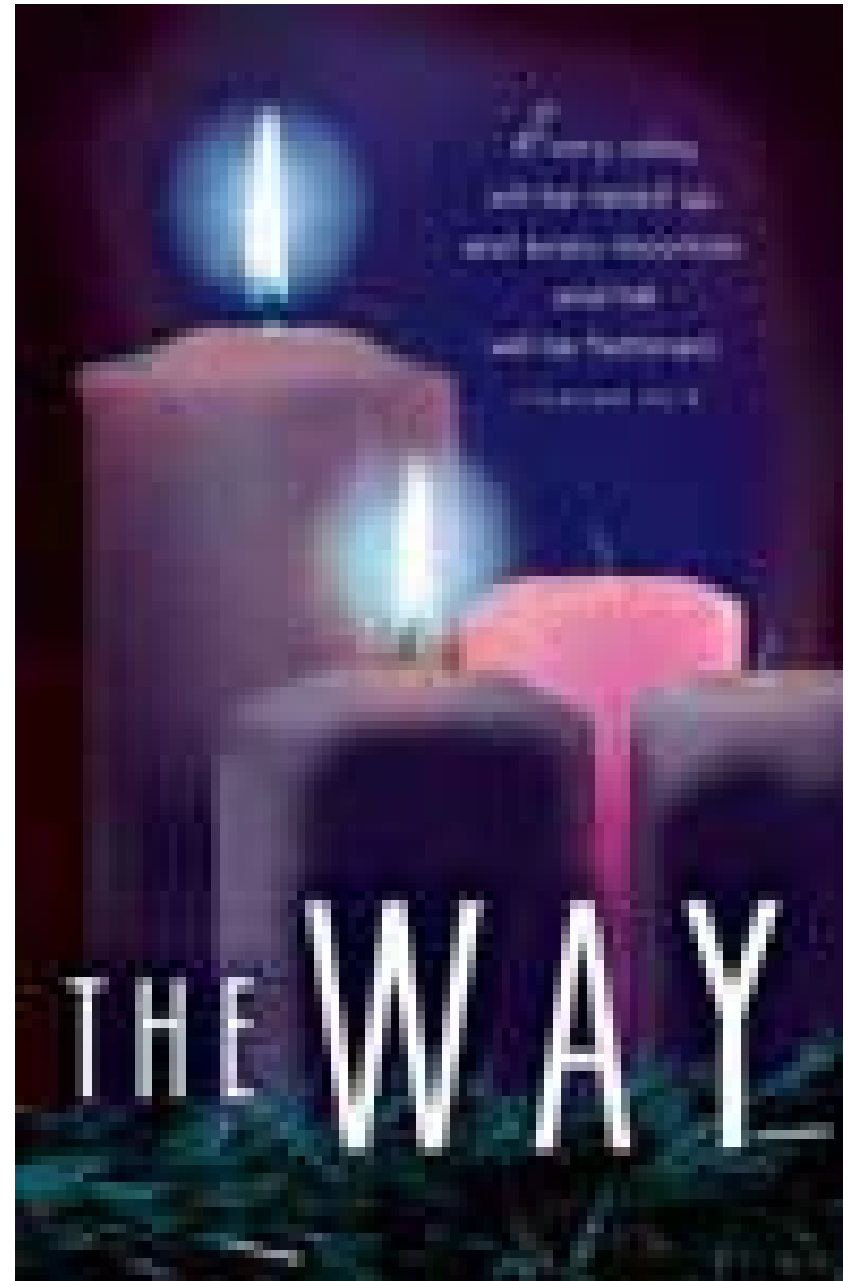


SERMON NOTES
"A Walk to Remember"
Mark 1:1-8

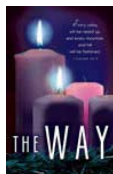


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

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



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE "Meditation on *Away in a Manger*" (arr. Duncan)
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

Mercy and faithfulness will embrace, righteousness and peace shall kiss.
Get ready. Turn and prepare for the Coming One.

**Level the high ridges, fill up the canyons, make a smooth path for the
One who is coming; prepare a level highway for the Lord.**

May the advent of Christ Jesus bring hope and love to you all!

And also to you!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (LOVE) The Urban Family

MORNING HYMN UMH No. 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas" vs 1-3

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

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
Burlington United Methodist Family Services, Inc.

All 1st-5th 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.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON AND JESSE TREES

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory – "Come" (arr. Duren) Chancel Choir
Katie Kerns

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 1:1-8

SERMON "A Walk to Remember" Brian Seders

HYMN OF INVITATION UMH No. 395 "Take Time to Be Holy"

vs 1-2, 4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Mendelssohn" (C. Wesley)

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of December 3)

RECOVERING AT HOME

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), Jim and 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, Katie Sayres
ERCC – Dixie Gutmann, Paul Mullins, Connie Pizzino
LAVENDAR FIELDS – Helen Kramer
NELLA'S - Mabel Phares
VALENTINE'S – Robert Fretwell

✠CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY✠

We express our sympathy to the family of Mary Margaret Morrison.

Daily Bible Readings

Mon – Romans 16 Thurs – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Sun – John 1:6-8, 19-28
Tues – Hebrews 1 Fri – Psalm 126
Wed – Hebrews 2 Sat – I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Weekly Memory Verse:

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Theme for Sunday, December 17

1st Service

2nd Service: Cantata - *Goin' to Bethlehem*

Come Listen and Enjoy...the cantata this year, "*Goin' to Bethlehem*", Sunday, December 17 at the 11:00 worship service. The Children's Choir will participate under the direction of Linda Wagner.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2017

7:00PM Service

11:00PM—Traditional Communion Service

Candlelight at both services

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.

2018 Offertory Envelopes are now available on the table outside the office. Please stop by and pick yours up! If you don't find your name and would like to have weekly envelopes, please drop your name and address in the box on the table and I will have them available the following week.

Danielle Taylor

I will support my church with my presence and gifts"

December 3, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

8:30 AM Worship	57
Sunday School	24
11 AM Worship	213

GIFTS: Weekly Collection \$19,862.00

Needed for Budget through 12/3.....\$410,846

Received for Budget through 12/3....\$383,581

Our 2017 Budget is \$436,000.

ADVENT CANDLE FOR MISSIONS: 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.



THE ANGEL TREE: Please bring gifts back no later than Dec. 12. Thank you to everyone who took an angel from our Angel Tree.

MITTEN AND SOCK TREE: As the angels on the Angel Tree are taken we will decorate it with children's mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks. These will be distributed in our community for needy children. These items need to be in by Sunday, December 17.



The Seders cordially invite the congregation to the Parsonage Open House on Sunday, December 17th from 2 pm - 5 pm.

Refreshments provided by the United Methodist Women

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 10 (Mark 1:1-8)

- 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 (1st-5th Graders)
- 12:00 PM CANTATA REHEARSAL / Sanctuary & Choir Room
- 12:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL / Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY FOR HAYDEN LONG / Sanctuary & FLC

MONDAY, December 11 (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

- 9:00 AM QUILTERS / Basement
- 9:00 AM STAFF MEETING / Sunday School Room
- 10:00 AM GRACE BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 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 12 (Psalm 126:1-6)

- 11:00 AM FOSTER GRANDPARENTS MEETING / Parlor
- 5:00 PM DEN 2 MEETING (Ward) / FLC (5PM-6PM)
- 6:00 PM DEN 6 MEETING (Reed) / Youth Sunday School Room
- 6:00 PM CIRCLE 1 (Hitchcock) CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH DINNER / Penny Friddle's
- 7:00 PM TROOP 88 MEETING / Scout Room Basement 119 Mountainview Dr.

WEDNESDAY, December 13 (John 1:6-8, 19-21)

- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 11:30 AM CIRCLE 4 (Armentrout/Gay) CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON / 1863 Grill and Restaurant
- 3:00 PM WVCH / FLC
- 6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY / Parlor
- 6:30 PM CANTATA REHEARSAL / Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL / Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 14 (Psalm 126:1-3; Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11)

- 11:00 AM CIRCLE 5 (Wetsch/Hyre) CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON / FLC (Making Care Baskets)
- 1:00 PM CIRCLE 2 (Conway/Galford) CHRISTMAS PARTY / Parlor
(Please bring baby gifts for hospital and snacks for party.)
- 6:30 PM BACKPACK PROGRAM / FLC Stage & Parlor

FRIDAY, December 15 (Isaiah 61:1-4)

SATURDAY, December 16 (I Thessalonians 5:16-24)

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, December 17 (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

- 8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
- 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
- 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - CANTATA
- 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH / Orange Room (1st-5th Graders)
- 2:00 PM CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT PARSONAGE / 26 S. Randolph Avenue