

Memorial United Methodist Church

November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship -

Responsive

Our promised salvation is at hand.

A righteous branch has sprung forth, bringing hope to our world.

Our eyes have beheld the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

A Son has been given to us, bringing justice and virtue to our land.

Our hearts have felt the stirrings of God's Presence.

The Spirit of truth is here to heal us, teaching transgressors God's ways.

Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Opening Hymn

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH130

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Opening Prayer

Righteous One, your glory shines brighter than the sun. We remember your compassion and your faithful love, as we come to worship this day. Lift up our souls to meet the challenges we face, as we seek to bear the fruit of your salvation. May your righteous branch grow within our hearts, that our lives may abound in mercy and steadfast love. And may we be found ready and waiting when the one drawing near comes with power and glory to bring us to you. Amen.

Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH140

Prayer of Confession

Praying together

Almighty God, your promises of old strengthen us during these dark times. We yearn to learn to read the signs of your coming: in the sun, moon, and stars; in the roaring of the seas and the waves; and in the tumult of our world. Yet, we have seen it all before and nothing seems to change. We long to live with courage in an age where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Grant us the wisdom that comes from waiting, and teach us the patience that leads to godliness as our savior draws near. Amen.

Hymn

"Give Thanks"

TFWS2036

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Bible Lesson with Grandma

Time of Personal Prayer for the concerns of the Heart.

Special Music

"Choose Him Again"

***Reading of the Psalm**

Psalm 25:1-10

Message

Hymn

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

UMH672

Benediction

Dismissal with God's Blessing

***Stand if you are able**

**Make your ways known, O Lord. Teach us your paths.
Lead us into your truth, and instruct our hearts.**

Concerns:

Nina Meca	Frances Lowe	Beverly Patton
Carol Moore	Joe Heilman	Cindy Sawyer
Jensen Webb	Nita Hickie	Hallie Nichols
Jennifer Gande-Barker	Holly	Tallman family
Joseph & Bitsy Gryder	Kevin Starcher	Jackson May
Tina Lemon	Kayo Starcher	

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

Lighting the First Candle of Advent

Reader: If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2021. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence." So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

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

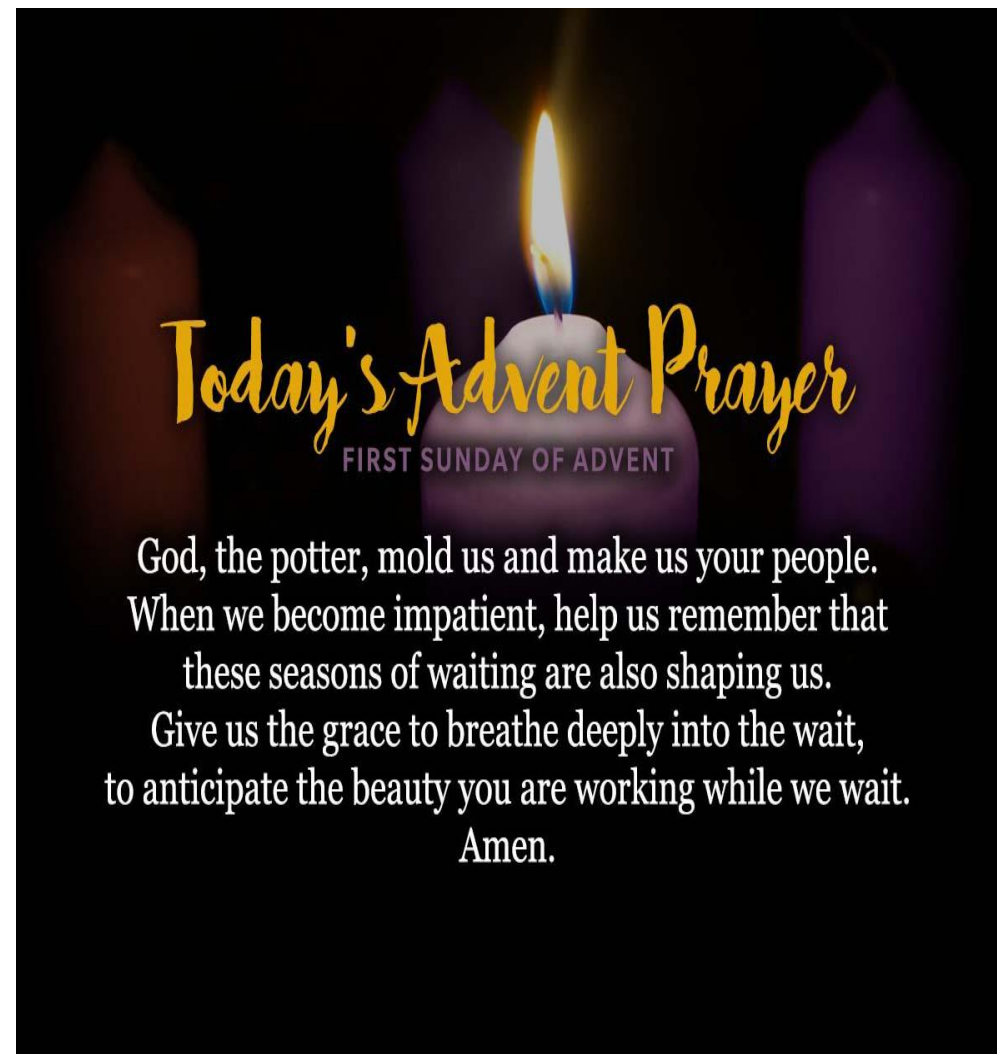
Website - www.spencermemorialumc.org

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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