



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

St. John's United Church of Christ
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

Sunday, November 27, 2022

[* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: In His name the Nations will HOPE.” ~ Matthew 12:21

Thought to Ponder: “Do not judge by appearances,
a rich heart may be under a poor coat.”

Organ Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. L. Smith

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Lighting the Advent Candle⁺: Response: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1) #154

*Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #153

Prayer of the Day:

Come, O God. Come into this space. Come into this moment. Let us feel your presence. Envelop us with your love. As we begin to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, help us to see the ways you are already in the world. Help us to open our eyes to all those in need. Move us to let go of our fears... and then to love as you have loved us. For we pray this in the name of the Coming One, who shows us your love, Jesus. Amen.

Prayer Response: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” #178

Mission Moment: St. John's Emergency Fund

Especially for Children

The Song: **“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 1:18-25

Chancel Choir: “Emmanuel, Come Soon”

Message: “At the Manger: Joseph”

Hymn: “O Joseph, Awaken, Let Go of Your Fear”

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “Berceuse” — Kufferath

Doxology:

#34

Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn:

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

#176

*Benediction

Organ Postlude:

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

— Denton

+Adapted from UCC Pension Boards Christmas Fund

Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

LITURGIST / BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR:

November 6	Danny Narwold	Camp Washington UCC
November 13	Charlie Dieckmann	Strengthen the Church
November 20	Cindy Feller	St. John’s Scholarship Fund
November 27	RD Kitchell	St. John’s Emergency Fund



St. John’s Prayer List – November, 2022

Those Bereaved (*these names remain on for one year*): Fred Sagester; Lee Kuhlman (John Kuhlman’s father); Bea Wessel; Owenita Grubert; Glen Kelley; Carl Hazelwood; Ron Raver; Kimberly Vest; Ruth Thie; Douglas Maple.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray: Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Kent Meyers (son of Taaron & Roger); Chyntia Buczak (cancer, friend to Dan Hall); Bob Wilhelm; John Thie (brother to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Danny McDonough (health issues, father to Sarah Feldmann); Marian Koester; Carolyn Carson (breast cancer, grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Loretta Jones (health issues, cousin to Dale Koester); Robert Weiler Jr. (colon cancer); John & Connie Moody (health issues); Dawn Buettner; Donna (Selke) Maples (classmate of Jenell Schroeder and a former member who now lives in Texas. Donna is having health issues); Lori Mauer (Thyroid Cancer); Vy (Thie) Hetzendorfer (breast cancer); Kelsey Weber (health issues, daughter-in-law to Gary & Donna Weber); The Family of Douglas Maple; Jerry Rose (cardiac and neurological issues); Arthur Simmons (health issues, cousin to Dale & Marian Koester and Barb Foster); The Family of Judy Wittkamper (sister-in-law to Dale & Sandy Wittkamper and Elaine Wessling).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Chris Williams.

Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes: (For Peace)

St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Willis Rouse

Chateau of Batesville: Margaret Meyers



EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

November 27: Chancel Choir Singing

November 30: Confirmation Class Year 1 @ 6pm / Year 2 @ 7pm
Chancel Practice in the Choir Room @ 7pm

December 2: Batesville Community Tree Lighting festivities begin @ 4pm.
The Chamber Holiday Parade @ 6pm. See Chamber website for times and events.

December 3: Holy Family Church Boar's Head Festival: Oldenburg, IN 7:30pm-8:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 1: I Heard The Bells Movie: Gibson Theatre @ 6pm

December 4: Communion Sunday
Men's Choir Singing
Pledge Dedication

December 5: Sunday School Meeting @ 6pm
I Heard The Bells Movie: Gibson Theatre @ 6pm

December 7: Confirmation Class Year 1 @ 6pm / Year 2 @ 7pm
Chancel Practice in the Choir Room @ 7pm

December 8: BAMA @ 1:30pm

Announcements

Boxed Potato
Drive



BOXED POTATOES for FOOD PANTRY: It's that time of the year again!! The Food Pantry has once again asked for the generosity of St. John's parishioners in donating 350 boxes of potatoes for the Thanksgiving distribution, and an additional 350 boxes of potatoes for the Christmas distribution. We have collected the 350 boxes/bags for November.

THANK YOU!! And, we are well on our way for the December collection of 350 boxes/bags that are needed for the Christmas drive. Please continue to bring in your donations or even order them online and have them delivered directly to the church. The Food pantry collection box for the potatoes is on the stage in the Parish Hall so please place your potato donations there (or next to the collection box if it fills up). Continue to remember those in need at this very special time of year! Thank you for your giving!



To honor the Veterans buried in our Cemetery, our church will be placing a wreath on each Veterans' grave site. This will occur in mid-December along with several other local cemeteries through the **WREATHS Across AMERICA** project. Donations to the cemetery board to help offset the cost of \$15 per wreath would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please give your donations to Danny Narwold, Mark Meyer, Gary Weber or Rob Wagner. Please see Rob with any questions.



Our church donated 10 Christmas shoeboxes this year and at last count Ripley County collected over 350 shoeboxes. These boxes are filled with all kinds of things like small toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, gently used kids shoes, hygiene products, etc. Thousands of these boxes will be going to children in Ukraine and other impoverished places around the globe.

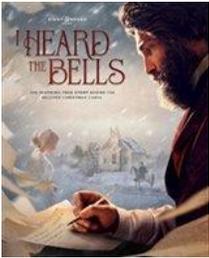
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE:

We are starting the process of updating our member photo directory. It has been some time since we last published the directory, and some member information is bound to be outdated. Members please double check your information that is currently in the directory and update any information as needed. We are also asking for new/current photos, you may do it in many ways:

1. Email the church with the updated information (*preferred method due to photo submission*)
2. Drop a note off to the church office before or after worship
3. Put any new information in your pledge card during the stewardship drive
4. Mail the information to the church
5. Call the church during office hours and give your information to Shannon Hankins



Deadline for submission is December 31, 2022. We hope to publish copies of the new directory in early 2023, so please help us ensure that we have the most accurate information.



I HEARD THE BELLS: Special showing at The Gibson Theatre Thursday, December 1 at 6pm and Monday, December 5 at 6pm. I HEARD THE BELLS tells the inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Known as America's Poet, Henry leads an idyllic life – until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the resounding hope of rekindled faith.



CALLING ALL SINGERS: Christmas Cantata: December 4th at the United Methodist Church in Osgood, IN. This is a non-denominational organization of people who love to sing praises to Our Lord. Practice will begin on October 9 @ 1:30 and go each Sunday until the day of the performance. For more information, please check the bulletin board or call Sharon Miller @ 812-871-3401 or Connie DeBurger @ 812-621-7428.



SCRIPTURES



Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 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 he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!



Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.



Hymns

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule
in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Life Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates:
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart:
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart
to you: here, Lord, abide! Let me your
inner presence feel: your grace and
love in me reveals.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

O Joseph, Awaken, Let Go of Your Fear

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Chris Shelton GARCEAU
Bex Gaunt



1. O Jo - seph, a - wak - en— let go of your fear.
2. God need - ed a bod - y, hands, feet, eyes, and skin,
3. The way of sal - va - tion will al - ways sur - prise.

The Spir - it is speak - ing; be - lieve what
and Mar - y's pro - vid - ed the place to
it creeps past de - fens - es, makes fools of

you hear. The prom - ise of
be - gin. She bears our de -
the wise: the Sov - 'reign of

ag - es is whis - pered, but clear: a
liv - 'rance from shame and from sin; the
heav - en, in in - fan - tile guise! A -

new day is dawn - ing, sal - va - tion draws near.
heart - beat of jus - tice grows strong - er with - in.
wake! but keep dream - ing— a - wake, and a - rise.

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