

Welcome! *We are so glad you’ve chosen to worship with us today. This is the Lord’s house, and here everyone is truly welcome. Our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open to you. We invite you to make yourself at home in this sacred space, and to join fully in worship as we sing, pray, and praise God together. When you see an asterisk (*) in the bulletin, please stand as you are able—your presence and participation bring life and joy to our worship.*

Gathering “Toda la Tierra/All Earth Is Waiting” UMH 210

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; It cries for justice and searches for truth.

Toda la tierra espera al Salvador Y el surco abierto, la obra del Senor; Es el mundo que lucha por la libertad, Reclama justicia y busca la verdad.

Welcome and Announcements Kathy Herron

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolyte

Advent Call to Worship “The Light of Hope” Tom & Marcia Halpin

Leader: During Advent, God’s promise illuminates our hope.
People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
Leader: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.
People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
Leader: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.
People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.
Leader: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.
People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Lighting of the Advent Candle “The Light of Hope” Tom & Marcia Halpin

Choral Response “Lift Up Your Eyes”

Lift up your eyes and see the light surround you; with radiant hope, illuminate the night. Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heaven ring, lift up your eyes and see the everlasting light.

Closing Prayer Tom & Marcia Halpin

* Hymn of Praise “People Look East” UMH 202
You may be seated after last verse

Affirmation of Faith “1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20” UMH 888

Choral Response “Gloria Patri” UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation “God, We Await Your Advent Here”

**God, we await your advent here: When will these desert lands rejoice?
When will new blossoms bright appear And all earth praise you with one voice?**

We live in deserts we have made; Gifts of your love we pass right by. We seek possessions, more each day, And then in thirst for joy, we cry.

God, we prepare for Jesus’ birth—Searching for gifts from store to store! Yet when you sent your Christ to earth, You gave us joy worth so much more.

When in love of Christ we grow, Streams in this desert shall abound. Then by your Spirit we will know: True wealth in Jesus Christ is found.

* Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 Pastor Fabian

1. The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Message "Signs and Times" Pastor Fabian

* Hymn of Response “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” UMH 211

*Offertory Prayer Kathy Herron

Ever-Watchful God, you call us to live not in fear, but in faithful anticipation. As we offer these gifts, we do so as people preparing our hearts, our hands, and our world for your coming reign. We confess that we often cling too tightly to our comforts and schedules, forgetting that your kingdom calls us to loosen our grip and lift our eyes. Awaken us, Lord, to the “someday” you are already shaping through our love, our justice, and our generosity. Let these offerings be signs of readiness, trust, and joy as we wait—and work—for your future to break into our present. In the name of the one who comes, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jill Jones-Lazuka

“Advent Doxology”

* Sending Forth

“Go, All Ye Faithful”

Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

* Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Fabian

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Family & friends of Duane Thews

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Burks First Grade Christmas Shopping – Thurs., Dec. 11 • 8:30–10:30 AM

Donations needed: **men's socks, knit gloves/hats, wallets, small flashlights.**

Volunteers needed for event day and set-up: **Sun., Dec. 7 (after church)** and **Wed., Dec. 10 (3:30 PM)**. See **Suzy Jackson** if you would like to help.

Agape Thrift is open on **Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We gladly welcome donations—you may bring them on Sunday mornings or anytime the shop is open. We are also in need of volunteers to help support this meaningful ministry. If you feel called to lend a hand, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the table in the hallway. Thank you for your generosity and support!



If you would like to make a donation, simply scan the QR code with your smartphone. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of our church.

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1st Sunday of Advent

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Sundays	Small Group	9:45 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	AA Group	6:00 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Mondays	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.		1:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.		1:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.		12:30 p.m.