

ADVENT HOPE

First United Methodist Church Cleveland, Tennessee
1st Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Hymn of Praise

No. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Affirmation of Faith No. 884

from the Korean UMC

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle

HOPE

Advent Hymn

No. 202

“Please, Look East”

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 71:14

Prayer Chorus

“Give Thanks”

Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

Special Music

Message

Pastor Curt McKee
“HOPE: Be Prepared & Watch”

Hymn

No. 245

“The First Noel”

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes November 22, 2020
HOPE: BE PREPARED & WATCH
Psalm 71:14 Mark 13:24-37

Hope Continually...Praise More...

If we Hope only in this life, in the things of this world=Disappointment

Boy Scout motto: BE PREPARED...Robert Baden Powell, an English soldier...In 1908, published in Scouting for Boys...Great Britain To Clarify its meaning Powell wrote: "To Be Prepared means you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty."

Life Of Faith...Jesus and the Last Days...Disciples Inquired...(vs 4) Jesus begins... Watch Out...that No One Deceives You. Rise in False Teaching, Teachers—Deceive Wars-Rumors-Nation against nation-Earthquakes and Famines...Beginning...Days of Unequalled Distress...Urgency! (vs 9) Warning—Be On Your Guard—Watch!

Nature responds: Sun and moon darkened...Stars falling...Planets shaken. As signs of the approaching end of the age...

--People: see the Son of Man Coming...in Clouds...Great Power and Glory... Elect—those who belong to Him will be gathered by the angels. John 14:3..."If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." He's coming! We know not the day nor the hour only That He is coming.

How Can We BE PREPARED? 1)Watch, 2) Wait Expectantly, 3)Wish for More Intimacy, 4)Welcome each new day as one which could be the day.

The Most Important Preparation to be made is HEART-PREPARATION!

DECEMBER

Sundays

10:45 AM Worship Service

Saturday, December 5

11:00 AM Bell Ringing - until 7:00 PM

Friday, December 11 & 12

All Day Cold Weather Collection

Thursday, December 24

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight

**The church will be closed for
Christmas ~ December 23-25**

Spirit of GIVING

In the midst of this "Covid Christmas"...
we are offering multiple ways for you to
be involved this holiday season:

December 5 - Bell Ringing

Our church is signed up to ring bells for the Salvation Army at Hobby Lobby. Call the church office to sign up for an hour time slot...or contact Albion or Jill. This can be a family service project or if your family is unavailable, Will and Albion are happy to join your child(ren) for their service times.

December 11 & 12 - Cold Weather Cross

We will be collecting **ADULT** COATS / SCARFS / HATS / GLOVES / SOCKS for the homeless. Our wooden cross will be in the front of the church on these 2 days for you to hang your gently used or new items. We will pass these items out at Bread of Life on December 26th.

Provide Christmas for 2 Families

We are collecting monies to help provide Christmas for a family at Family Promise and a family at Arnold Elementary School. If you would like to donate towards this project, please make checks payable to the church and mark it "Christmas Project." The church staff will purchase items to give to the families.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



SHORT TERM PRAYER

- Larry and Karen Janisewski and Family
- John Buchanan and Family
- Joanna Duncan and Family
- Caden Smeltzer
- Bella Krecklow
- Wilma Hiser

LONG TERM PRAYER

- Mary Helen Allen
- Patsy Barger
- Alan David
- Kathy Farner
- Sean Hale
- Bonnie Headrick
- Brenda Holder
- Bobby & Betty Hughes
- Jaimi Lambert
- Janet Lynch

- George & Martha Lessig
- Betty McLain
- Alesia McNelley
- Mary Ann Merritt
- Grayson Moser
- Bill Myers
- Gib Nelson
- Carolyn Owens
- Janet Parks
- Eleanor Perkinson
- Don Ritzhaupt
- Carolyn Rogers
- Nalini Samuel
- Charlotte Scott
- Mavis Smith
- Stuart Switzer
- Olivia Weatherford
- Elaine Whitcomb
- Drew White



TITHES & OFFERINGS

You may mail your Tithes & Offerings and Memorials to the church at
3425 Ocoee Street N, Cleveland, TN 37312
To give your Tithes & Offerings online go to:
<https://holston-reg.brapp.com/ChurchOffering>
(Online is for Tithes & Offerings ONLY.
You cannot post memorials online.)

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