Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental illness
Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers
Paul, nephew of John & Char V.
Mary, Sue S.’s mother
Kifah, friend of David L.
Jeff, friend of Judy K.
Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J.
Bob, Carole B.’s son
Josh O.
Donald R.
Mary Lou L.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
Keith A.
Gwen H.
Frank M.
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter
Brian R.
Susan W.
Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Connie C.
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Viola C.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Donna, friend of Judy K.
Andy, Faye W.’s son
Israel, Sarah J.’s student
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Sterling B.
Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 29 Ray Burnett
November 29 Madison Stroup
December 2 Sally Stacho
November 29 Sandi & Frank O’Dell
November 29 Chris & Mike Byrns
November 9 Barb Schultz
December 5 Kelly Maculewicz

November 29, 2020  First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  Broughton/Callahan
Marlene Dirksen

Introit  Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord  Hopson
Gabriela Martinez, Javier Gonzalez, Matias Gonzalez

Call to Worship with Lighting of First Advent Candle  Joel Chermonte
(Ps. 80, 1 Cor. 1, Mk. 13)
L: Holy God, awaken your might; come and save us.
P: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!
L: The saving grace of Christ fills us with thanksgiving.
P: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!
L: We watch for the coming of Christ.
P: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!
L: We light the first candle of Hope!

**Hymn Response**  
_O Come, O Come, Emmanuel_ (v. 1)  
UMH 211

**New Testament Reading**  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Unison Prayer** (Isaiah 64, Psalm 80, Mark 13)
O Holy God, maker of every thought and thing, open our hearts this day, that we may know your presence in this time and place. Restore us now, so we may see the special gift and calling that you have for each of us. Masterful potter of life, mold us into the vessels you would have us be. Help us be ready for your promised return, when you will be among us and within us with new, creative, healing energy. Amen.

**Special Music**  
_Breath of Heaven_  
Grant/Eaton  
James and Anita Bridges

**Message of Hope**  
“What Christmas Means to Me This Year”  
Alice Walsh

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer List (back of bulletin)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (Isaiah 64)
Patient, everlasting source of life, we know that you are present with those who gladly do what’s right; we know that you remember those who remember you; we know that your judgment is just. We hunger for the assurance of your love, but in our hearts we feel unclean. We fear that the acts we think so righteous are more like filthy bits of cloth, unfit to dress a wound or to clothe the naked. Do not be angry beyond measure, O holy and loving champion of the forgotten. Do not remember our sins forever, but embrace us with your love, for we are all your people, even though we so often forget.

**Words of Assurance** (Isaiah 64)
Fear not, for our creator is the loving maker of every thought and thing. We are the clay; each one of us is being formed by God’s all-loving hand, crafted for a purpose and cherished as a vessel made for love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Offering with Prayer**

*Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contribution to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.*

**Gospel Lesson**  
Mark 13:24-37

**Hymn**  
_Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus_  
UMH 196  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sermon**  
“Stay Alert with Hope!”  
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**Hymn**  
_People, Look East_  
UMH 202  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Benediction** (Mark 13)

L: As we go out to meet a hungry world, know that God will give us what we need.

P: We go forth to make ready as we wait.

L: The Holy One, whose love turns fear aside, will show us what to do.

P: Keep watch! The risen Christ is on the way! Amen.

**Postlude**  
_The Advent of Our God Is Nigh_  
arr. R. Warner  
Marlene Dirksen