

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental Illness	Barbara B. Nancy D.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Keith A.
Those experiencing addiction	Sally S.
Our condolences to Louise A. following the passing of her brother, Arthur	Judy F. Donna, sister of Carol N. Bill, Sarah J.'s brother
Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T. Louise A.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Barb and Ray S.	Steve, lifted by
Justin, lifted by Vann P.	Mary Ellen M.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Matthew F., USAF
Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Christopher Y., USAF

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 29	Ray Burnett	December 2	Sally Stacho
November 29	Madison Stroup	December 3	Barbara Schultz
November 29	Sandi and Frank O'Dell		
November 29	Chris and Mike Byrns		

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Joel Chermonte
Greeters: John and Char Vas, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Judi Wagner
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Greeting

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: **And also with you.**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Johnson

****Call to Worship***

Joel Chermonte

L: "I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1 NRSV)
P: **We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we
logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this
community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of
radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in
wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.**
L: "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
God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's
paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

P: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored—our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled.

***New Testament Reading** Romans 13:11-14

***Unison Prayer**

O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation. Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love, that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord of hope, you bless our lives every day. We sometimes forget that all these blessings come from you and we overlook them or decide that we just deserve all the wonderful things that come our way. It seems that every year the push for the commercial holiday expectations comes earlier and earlier. By the time we approach the true Holy Day we are exhausted; we cannot gather the strength to praise you. Make us ready, Lord. Slow us down and help us find release from the demands. Enable us to make decisions that will build hope and community, rather than foster greed and selfishness. Help us reach out to others with gifts of kindness and peace. Enter our hearts, not with demands, but with a gentle reminder of the peace you bring. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Watch! Wait! God is bringing to you new hope and peace. It is a gift, given especially for you—one that you cannot earn—it’s a gift. Praise be to the Giver of All Great Gifts, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *The King of Glory Comes* TFWS 2091

The Offering

Offertory *Lift Up Your Heads* arr. Albert Beck

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44

Hymn *Like a Child* TFWS 2092

Sermon “Awake and Ready in Hope” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211
(vv. 1, 3, 5-7)

***Responsive Benediction**

L: To all the corners of the world, God is bringing God’s blessing.

P: **Be ready! Watch! For the time is near; salvation is at hand.**

L: Be at peace in the arms and love of God.

P: **Amen.**

Postlude *Break Forth, Ye Heavens* arr. Broughton

Please be seated for the postlude.
