

Prayer Concerns

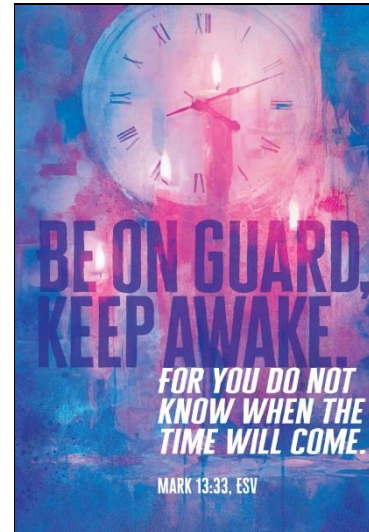
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Victims of natural disasters	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental Illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Those affected by gun violence	Anita B.
Victims of Maui wildfires	Ray S.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Bunny, Liz L.'s Cousin	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Jane P.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Keith A.
Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery	Judy L.
Alice W.'s Dad's surgeries and recovery	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Harry W., son of Harry W.	Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Barbara B.
Matt, lifted by Janis J.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Joan H.	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
	Ron W.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

12/3	Barbara Schultz	12/5	Kelly Jona
12/4	Bill Cauley	12/7	Greysen Thompson

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
Greeters: Barb & Floyd Andrews, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Judi Wagner
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Body, Mind, and Spirit

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1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude 3rd Prelude (Veni Emmanuel) Edward C. Bairstow

Choral Introit Prepare the Way of the Lord Hal H. Hopson

****Call to Worship***

Greg Lavelle

L: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out:
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that
the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets
twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your
name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake
before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not
expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

(based on Isaiah 64:1-3)

P: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, “Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come.” (based on Mark 13:35)

L: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

***Unison Prayer**

We light this candle as a sign of hope. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

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

***Hymn** *To God be the Glory* UMH 98

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem *Blessed is the Lord (Benedictus)* Dan Forrest

Invitation for the Offering

Offertory

Interlude

M.G Fischer

***Doxology**

UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

Sermon

“Keep Awake for Hope” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

***Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv 1-4) UMH 211

***Responsive Benediction** (based on 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

Postlude Variations on “Morning Song” David Lasky

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*