



# First United Methodist Church

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**



# *Order of Worship*

*\*Please Stand if you are able*

WELCOME

*Pastor John*

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*"His Name is Wonderful"*

*UHM 174*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Sarah Ritchea*

*Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is Near. As the heart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of God, in the mountain of His Holiness. Amen.*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

*Pastor John*

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH CANDLE OF JOY

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Lead On, O King Eternal"(organ)*

*UMH 580*

PSALTER

*Psalms 62: 5-12 (UMH 787)*

*Sarah Ritchea*

Leader- For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**All- for my hope is from God,**

**who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader- On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**All- Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.**

Leader- Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

**All- Put no confidence in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

Leader- Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: power belongs to

God,

**All- and to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love, for you repay  
all according to their work.**

**\*GLORIA PATRAI**

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Pastor John*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (organ)

*UMH 234*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Betty Britsch*

*Lord, Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that  
As the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy  
What you say to us today. Amen*

**\*THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 6:25-34*

*Betty Britsch*

SERMON

*"In Joy & In Sorrow"*

*Pastor John*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostle's Creed (UMH 881)*

*Sarah Ritchea*

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "Joy to the World" (organ)

*UMH 246*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*Video*

*Worship Leaders*  
*Rev. John Britsch*



<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Music Leader</b>	<b>Children's Sermon</b>
Sarah Ritchea	Sarah Ritchea	

<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>
Mildred & Stayton Weldon

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Dillon Alcous	James Trusty	Tiffany Gillis
Larry Wolf	Emily Cheatham	Martin & Kathy Flannery
Becca Wagner	David Jaks	Martin Eldridge III family
Javance Thomas	Diane Schroeder	Matthew Bryant
Bryan & Vicky Adkins	Catrina Harper	Coleen Tom
Annabelle Gomez	Graylin Rusk	Morin family
Teresa Strickland	Linda Sager	John Flannery family
Linda Thamm	Earl O'Connor	Jackie & John Bush family
Sheriff Carl Bowen	Cheryl Sweet	Sarah Ritchea
Gordon & Stacey Barth family	Pinky Togmetti	Tina Heiser
Preston Carey	Kyle Paschall	Dylan Mills
A.J. Carter	J.D. Heyen	Elizabeth Reid
Ronnie White	Tiy Salazar	Jayliem Battles