

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

TODAY, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship
- 11:00 a.m. - Young Disciples Music
- 11:30 a.m. - Holiday Covered Dish
- 5:00 p.m. - Faith & Hope AA Meeting

MONDAY, December 10

- 6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, December 11

- 5:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. - Centennial Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. - Disciple 4 Class

WEDNESDAY, December 12

- 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. - Free Lunch Mission
- 6:00 p.m. - Ruth Circle @ Belgrade Gardens
- 7:00 p.m. - Wesleyan Chimers Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 13

- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, December 14

- 6:00 p.m. - UMW/Altar Guild Dinner

SATURDAY, December 15

- 9:30 a.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. - Young Disciple Christmas Party
- 4:00 p.m. - Private Event

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship /Cantata
- 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Caroling
- 5:00 p.m. - Faith & Hope AA Meeting

Firestone Park United Methodist Church

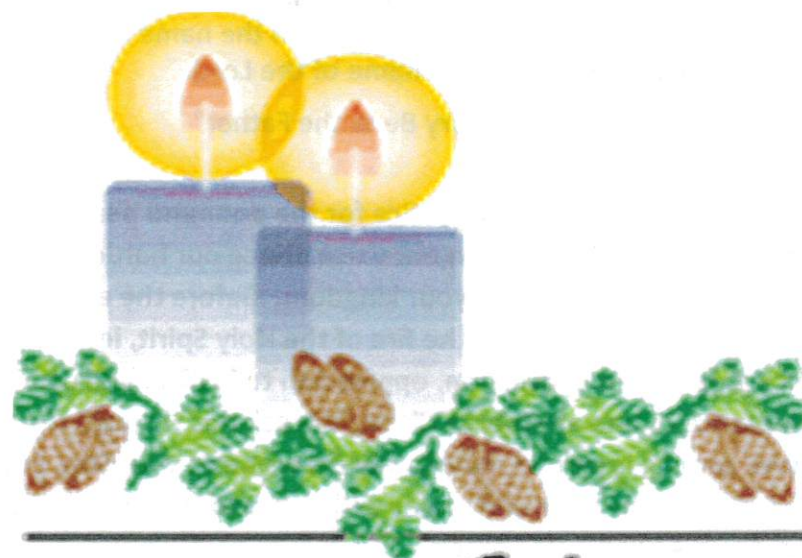
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SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Firestone Park United Methodist Church
Worship Celebration
Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

10:30 a.m.

INVITATION

Opening Declaration

Pastor: Christ our Lord is risen today!

People: He is risen indeed!

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Prelude

Amy Howell

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

***Sung Response**

"Glory Be to the Father"

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***Unison Prayer**

O God, whose will is justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted, let your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom. Before the advent of the One who baptizes with the fire of the Holy Spirit, let our complacency give way to conversion, oppression to justice, and conflict to acceptance of one another in Christ. We ask this through the One whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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Lighting the Advent Candle

Adam Smith Family

Choral Response "Light the Advent Candle" (2nd verse) TFWS 2090

Scripture Lesson

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

Patricia Moyer

Anthem

"Sing Nowell"

Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

Baptism

Anna Jane Smith

Daughter of Adam and Julie Smith

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Amy Howell

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GOD'S WORD

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 3: 1 - 6

Pastor Sam

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Who Needs A Prophet"

Pastor Sam

***Closing Hymn**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

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***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude*

Amy Howell

*Please remain seated during the postlude for a time of reflection.

Altar decoration provided to the glory of God by:

Pam Ferguson

In Honor of her 60th Birthday.

Attendance on December 2, 2018: 91

Offering received: \$4319.00

If you or a loved one is in the hospital or another medical facility, please contact Pastor Sam at 330-594-7074 or 330-607-4006. We are not contacted by the facility.

Joys & Concerns: Prayer Requests Week of December

Church Members: Elizabeth Hayes - health issues - John and Betty Oprian; Al Campbell - for a diagnosis and treatment to heal - Nancy Campbell; Betty Witzl - for peace - Ruth Baker; the families of JoAnne and Hal - Doug and Karen Menefee; Sharon Crites - hope to receive a Christmas miracle; Ryan, Queer and McConnell families - Fran Jesty; Continued prayers for the Yerkey family - Carolyn was a really good friend - Nancy Campbell

Relatives & Friends: Karen Francis & Family - Lisa Leonard; Cathy - our neighbor, who lost her adult son to suicide - Beth and Nancy Smith; Norb Matson - for healing - George Nicol; Hope for the world, friends, family and families - comfort for those who grieve - Fran Jesty.

Shut-ins and Homebound Members: Jennie Chin, Gladys Bloomer; Betty Witzl; Jim Moore; Sherry & Keith Thomas; Hazeljean Adams; Tony & Connie Petrasek; Diane Queer; Jane Sine, and other members who are unable to get to worship.

Sympathy: Our prayers and condolences to Shelley McConnell and family, on the passing of Shelley's uncle, Richard. May he rest in the arms of the Lord.

Please hand your attendance card with a prayer request to an usher. Your requested prayer will be given to the pastor for prayer time.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission of the Month for November/December: Warm and Fuzzy Tree. We are accepting either handmade or purchased hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for all ages. If you would rather make a monetary donation, please mark your envelope or check "Warm and Fuzzy".

Christmas Gift Bags for our homebound and shut-ins. Please bring in cards, goodies, note pads, pens or anything that would be useful or fun for these persons. The bags are on a table in the Firestone entrance along with a list of names. Please help the Mary Circle spread a little holiday cheer to our absent church family!

OPEN M Angel Tree. All gifts must be placed under our tree TODAY.

Covered Dish Holiday Dinner. TODAY, after worship.

UMW/Altar Guild Christmas Dinner. Friday, December 14, 6:00pm. In the Fellowship Hall. The Wesleyan Chimers will entertain us.

Young Disciples Bowling & Christmas Party. Saturday, December 15. Please meet at the church at 11:30. We will bowl two games then return to the church for pizza, games and a \$5.00 gift exchange. NO GIFT CARDS PLEASE. **RSVP TODAY to Kearstyn or Sue.**

Christmas Caroling. Next Sunday, 4:00pm. A lite supper will be served. Please let Shelley McConnell know if would like to lend your voices and bring some holiday cheer to our church friends and neighbors.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Monday, December 24, 7:00pm.

New Years Eve Night Watch Service. Monday, December 31, 7:00pm.

If you need a 2019 commitment card, they are on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

2018 end-of-year statements will be emailed to those who have an email and paper copies for all others in early January.

If you have any corrections to the information in our church directory such as a new address, phone number or email, please add it to your attendance card. New directories will be given out in late January. Your updated information helps me to give you an accurate directory. Thank you, Nancy Thomas