

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### Ministers

Rev. Dr. Philip Tousley  
Sharon Sturgill  
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Jean Swinbanks  
Thomas Laity  
Elwin Cubitt  
Gladys Hamilton  
Zac & Katie Eskau  
Mike Eskau and Autumn Hass

### *All God's People*

Pastor  
Secretary  
Organist  
Pianist  
Chancel and Handbell Choir Director  
Praise & Rejoice Song Leader  
Praise & Rejoice Pianist

Youth Leaders

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First United Methodist Church  
December 17, 2017  
10:00 A.M. Worship Service

### PRELUDE

### \*HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMC Hymnal, No. 234

### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

**We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.  
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,  
make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Please take a moment to greet those around you.)

ANTHEM "Still, Still, Still" Handbell Choir

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

(This is a time to welcome newcomers in our midst, by writing your name, address, and other information in one of the red folders, and then passing it to the person next to you.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Trina Guinther  
Rodney Terwilliger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – All children are invited forward.

\*HYMN "The First Noel" UMC Hymnal, No. 245

\*PSALTER Psalm 126: 1-6 UMC Hymnal, No. 847  
LESSON Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 Pew Bible, O.T. pp. 655-656  
EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Pew Bible, N.T. pp. 192-193  
GOSPEL John 1: 6-8, 19-28 Pew Bible, N.T. p. 87  
SERMON "JOY!" Rev. Dr. Phil Tousley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

WE SHARE THE GRACE OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Away in a Manger" Handbell Choir

\*DOXOLOGY ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" UMC Hymnal, No. 451

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

An asterisk (\*) indicates to stand if you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE INVITE ALL THOSE LISTENING TO VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE – [www.badaxefumc.org](http://www.badaxefumc.org)**

**SUPERVISED NURSERY AND BATHROOMS-** If you are new to our Church, you may not know that we have a supervised nursery. If you feel that this could help you, it is located down the stairs at the back of the Church. We also have bathrooms located in the basement as well as on the main floor. If you need help locating them or anything else, please see an usher. Ushers are seated at the Northwest doors and the Southwest doors.

**CHOIRS** will rehearse this Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Bells at 7 and Chancel at 8.

**THE DEADLINE** for the January newsletter is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email news to Laurie Tousley at [mrs\\_tousley@hotmail.com](mailto:mrs_tousley@hotmail.com)

**THE 8 A.M. SERVICE WILL NOT BE HELD FOR THE NEXT 2 SUNDAYS** - Please join us at 10 a.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years. Office hours this week are Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**THE GIVING TREE:** Items that can be placed under our Sanctuary Christmas tree during Advent are:

- December 17 – Laundry items for Loads of Love
- December 24 – Huron County Baby Pantry

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** If you can't hear everything that you would like to in church, give one a try. It is a small receiver about the size of a deck of cards and a thin cord with an earpiece that you insert into your ear. You can control the volume level to suit your needs. We have a member that uses them and says it works better than a hearing aid. You can get one by asking the sound booth attendant in the back of the sanctuary or asking an usher to get you one. They are sanitized after every use.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available in the back of the sanctuary on the table by the stairway.

**SERVING THE LORD TODAY:** **Ushers:** Jim Hass and Chuck Harris; **Worship Leader:** Susan Hass; **Greeters:** Mel & Mary McCracken; **Nursery Volunteers:** Bill and Sharon Sturgill

**SERVING THE LORD NEXT SUNDAY:** **Greeters:** Bob & Betty Liedke; **Nursery Volunteers:** Bill and Sharon Sturgill; **Church Copyright License #** 1684948

Are you leaving a legacy of "red tape" for your heirs? A legal will drawn by your attorney will cut out the red tape and accomplish what you want to happen following your death.