

FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

NOVEMBER

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29 TUESDAY— UMW set up for Hanging of the Greens (6:00pm)

30 WEDNESDAY— Hanging of the Greens dinner and service (5:30pm; service at 7:00pm)

DECEMBER

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1 THURSDAY— Perea Packers (set up at 12:00pm; box packing at 3:30pm)

2 FRIDAY— Perea Packers (11:00am)

3 SATURDAY— St. Jude Marathon cheering on the corner (9:30am)

3 SERVICE SATURDAY— Soup kitchen, to volunteer contact Annie (3:30pm)

4 SUNDAY— Welcome conversation— Contact Annie if interested in attending (ahunter@stjohnsmidtown.org) (9:30am)

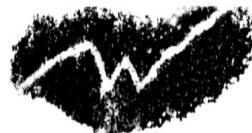
4 SUNDAY— *Conversations on Race & Racial Tensions* at Centenary UMC (2:30pm)

4 SUNDAY— Meditation & Mindfulness in the room outside the chapel (4:00pm)

4 SUNDAY— Service of Healing & Blessing in the chapel (5:00pm)

11 SUNDAY— *Gloria*—Special Christmas Music Worship Service (10:50am)

11 SUNDAY— UMW Potluck at the Barker Residence (6:00pm)



THE WAY
a service of recovery

This Friday at 6:00pm
John Kilzer leads us with
Joe Restivo, Dave Smith,
Tommy Burroughs, and
Steve Potts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Gloria—Special Christmas Music Worship

Join us in worship on **Dec. 11 at 10:50am** when the St. John's choir, soloists, and members of the Memphis Symphony present Vivaldi's sacred work, *Gloria!* *Gloria* represents the height of concerted music incorporated into Catholic masses during the Italian Baroque. Though not written for the Christmas season, this work is now associated with many liturgical celebrations, including the Advent Sunday of Joy. The St. John's choir has been working hard, so come, be part of the "joy" found through music!

New Sunday School Class Join Renee at **9:30am** in the room outside the chapel each week of Advent for a time to live with the lectionary texts for the week. We will use this time to pray the scriptures and to consider how we can best journey through the weeks ahead as we prepare once again to celebrate light and love come into the world.

Cheer On the St. Jude Marathon St. John's is on the marathon route, and we're gathering together to cheer on the runners! Join us at **9:30am** on the steps of the church on **Dec. 3!**

Hanging of the Greens Service & Dinner
Buy your ticket for Hanging of the Greens, on **Nov. 30** from Rae-Anne before or after worship in the vestibule. Appetizers begin at **5:30pm**, followed by dinner. Service begins at **7:00pm**. There will be vegetarian and kid-approved food available, as well as a children's craft project! Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$5 per child, and a \$30 maximum for families.

Gifts for Guests Help our soup kitchen guests this holiday season by sponsoring backpacks filled with necessities. Sponsorships can be purchased for \$20 on **Nov. 27, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11**. Pack backpacks at the Family Christmas PJ Party on **Dec. 14 at 6:00pm**. Join us for the **Christmas Eve soup kitchen (3:30-5:30pm)** to serve the meal and pass out backpacks!



St. John's welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and people who sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness.

We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

TODAY'S USHERS:
Lloyd Hearn, Mike Coop,
Charles Garisson, Herb Levy

TODAY'S COUNTERS:
Mike Coop, John Buxton

+ Please stand as
you are able.

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St. John's United Methodist Church

November 27, 2016

10:50 a.m.

“IMAGINE”

Advent 1—Hope

THE ENTRANCE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Johann Pachelbel

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
Now Come, Savior of the Heathens
Matthew Bogart, Organist

+ *Call to Worship*

I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

For in God's house we shall find hope and healing.
In God's house we shall find forgiveness and friendship.

May peace be within the walls of this house of God.
Come, let us go to the house of the Lord.

Come, let us sing our praises to God who loves and redeems us. Amen.

+ *Processional Hymn—UMH 196*

HYFRYDOL

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

(During the final stanza children may come to the crèche.)

Time at the Crèche

Singing of God's Love

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splen - dor ar - rives. Fling
He comes the bro - ken hearts to heal, the pris - oners to free. The
wide the gates and wel - come him in - to your lives.
deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

Lectern Side
Make way, make way for the King of kings.

Pulpit Side
Make way, make way for the
King of kings. Make way, make way and let his king - dom in.
King of kings. Make way, make way and let his king - dom in.

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Hope

(Adapted from Matthew 24:36, 42-44 and Isaiah 2:1-5)

Wake up. Be ready. About that day no one knows, no one but God.
We do know this—when the time comes swords will be beaten into
plowshares,
spears into pruning hooks, nation will not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall war be anymore.

Time of Receiving

Communion Music

George Frideric Handel

“But Who May Abide The Day of His Coming” *Messiah*
Diego Froget, Bass

Prayer After Receiving

**Eternal God,
we thank you for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Send us into the world in peace
for we have seen,
have heard,
and been fed by your grace.
Keep us faithful and alert
for signs of Christ's coming
and lead us to live lives marked by truth and light,
so that we may eat and drink together
in your eternal dominion of hope, love, joy, and peace.
Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

+ *Invitation to Journey*

+ *Recessional Hymn—UMH 706*

“Soon and Very Soon”

VERY SOON

+ *Benediction*

+ *Postlude*

“Wachet Auf (Sleepers, Awake)”
Carol Craig, Organist

Wayne Wold

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Text: Rev. Dr. John Kilzer

Peace be with you.
And also with you.
What? With our hearts?
We lift them up to the Lord.
Why?
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... join your company of heaven in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Mystery of Faith

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... with one heart, one voice, one spirit, and one love, say

The Great Amen

Amen.

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.

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and Song
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Christ's the lamp that lights our way, Je - sus, the Light of the
World! Step by step and day by day Je - sus, the Light of the
World! Walk in the light, beau - ti - fullight;
comewhere his love and his mer-cy are bright. Shine all around us by
day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the World.

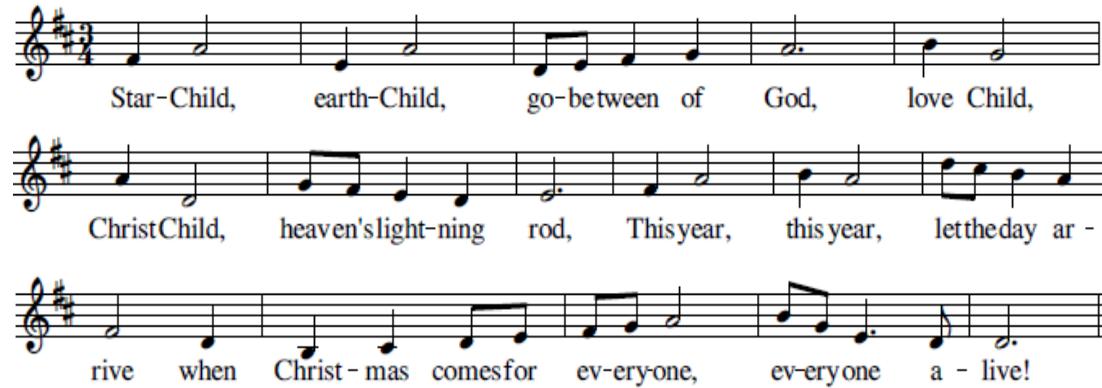
Congregational Response

Enter this season of Advent with hopeful expectation.
We are awake and ready.
Pay attention. Keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open.
We are awake and ready.
Signs of Emmanuel, God with us, are everywhere.
We are awake and ready.
As we light our first candle, and we imagine Hope . . .
Can you see it? Can you sense it? Imagine Hope.
Enter Advent with hopeful expectation.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns

Centering Hymn



Star-Child, earth-Child, go-between of God, love Child,
Christ Child, heaven's light-ning rod, This year, this year, let the day ar -
rive when Christ - mas comes for ev-ery-one, ev-eryone a - live!

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading—Romans 13:11-14 (NRSV)

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Homily

Rev. Dr. John Kilzer

“What time is it?”

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sins
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We are hungry for wisdom and knowledge, because we have, too often, substituted our judgment for yours. We are lost, in need of guidance.

Silent Prayer, concluded with:

**Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.
Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.
Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.
Come, Lord Jesus.**

Assurance of Pardon

God, our kind and loving Savior God, has stepped in and saved us.
**God cleansed us, and we became new people,
washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit. Our Savior Jesus
poured out new life so generously.**
God's gift has restored our relationship with God and given us back our lives.
And there's more life to come—an eternity of life!

+ *The Peace*

The peace of Christ Jesus be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Offering

“E'en So Lord Quickly Come”
Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

+ *Doxology*

ADESTE FIDELES

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**