



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, December 3, 2017      First Sunday in Advent  
10:00 AM      ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Judy Slide

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather together all who await the Lord's return!

**For the kingdom of God shall reign through peace and love.**

And the tools of war will be needed no longer.

**Nation shall accept nation; bitterness shall be no more.**

Come let us lift our voices in song and praise before God!

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #730 "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**O God, Who has called us together to be one in Your Holy fellowship called the Church, draw us ever closer to each other and to You as we bow together before You in worship. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]*

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6      *[Red Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 64: 1-9

\*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13: 24-37

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:

Keep awake and alert. The kingdom of God is near.

**People Respond [PR]: We are God's partner in hope.**

The days are coming when God will fulfill the promise. [PR]

A righteous branch will spring up and will bring forth justice {PR}

Stand up. Raise your hands. Your redemption is near. [PR]

As we light this first Advent, the candle of hope. May we be partners in hope, witnesses to the promise that hope is coming. It is being born into the world. Amen.

**All: "... O come, O come, Emmanuel."**

ADVENT SONG: FWS #2090 "Light the Advent Candle" *[vs.1, Black Hymnal]*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING

Kate Ehrenberger

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #17 "There's Something About That Name" *[Red Hymnal]*

*We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

COMMUNION HYMN

THE LORD'S TABLE

UMH pp. 12-15 [*Red*

*Hymnal*]

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *“Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.”*

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" [*Red Hymnal*]

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished and the music is finished.*

***Thought for your journey:*** Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it, and [you] start living the life the Creator intended for you. [Hopi Nation]

**Scripture Lessons for December 10:**

- Isaiah 40:1-11
- Psalm 85:1-13
- 2 Peter 3:8-15
- Mark 1:1-8

**Announcements:**

- Faith Ensemble rehearsal today at 12n in the Chapel
- Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m.; Charge Conference
- **Toy Drive** at Faith Community/Eastern United Methodist Church. From now through **December 15<sup>th</sup>**, we are collecting new toys to be given to the children of fallen officers and incarcerated parents [Project Angel Wings]. Contact the church (410) 752-8475 or Rev. Jay Blake at [priceless226@comcast.net](mailto:priceless226@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

***Refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the service.***

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