

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

First Sunday of Advent (Theme Hope)

December 1st, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PRAISE VIDEO ~

“Oh Come, O Come Emmanuel (Even So Come)”

Cheryl Stark / arr. By Travis Cottrell

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ (based on Jeremiah 33)

L – The days are coming, God promises.

C – New life will spring forth.

L – The days are coming, God affirms.

C – We will live in safety.

L – The days are coming, God assures.

C – Justice and righteousness will reign everywhere.

L – God’s promises are true.

All – Let us rejoice!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE SONG ~

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”

No. 4

*INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI ~

LITANY OF HOPE ~ *Lighting the Advent Candle*

HYMN ~ *“One Candle Is Lit”* (Vs. 1)

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SCRIPTURE #1 ~ *Psalms 25*

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SCRIPTURE #2 ~ *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

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MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE ~

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”*

No. 161 (Vs. 1 & 2 only)

ELDER’S PRAYER FOR THE BREAD AND CUP ~

CELEBRATION AT THE TABLE ~ “Let a person examine themselves and so let them eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”

*DOXOLOGY ~

SHARING OF PRAISES AND CONCERNS ~

SILENT PRAYER / MEDITATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER ~

LORD’S PRAYER (using “sins”) ~

“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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.” Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *Sue Hurd – Accompanied by Janet Frisk*

SCRIPTURE ~ Luke 21:25-36

NT #1043/LP #1585

MESSAGE ~

“Hope For Everyone”

*SENDING HYMN ~ *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

No. 168

*BENEDICTION ~

POSTLUDE ~

*Please stand if able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Sue Hurd and Janet Frisk for Special Music today.

Coins for Cause to benefit Society of St. Andrew.

Items on the table by the front door are the December **2024**

Church Candle, the Winter issue of *“Our Daily Bread”*

(December 2024, January and February 2025) and the latest

Board Meeting Packet.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday – Each family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to church.

Wednesday, December 4th – Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 7th – Cub Scout Pack # 4018 is hosting a Craft and Vendor Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to be held at the Harlan-Rowe Middle School, to benefit the Scouts of Troop # 4018.

Lowery-Urban Holiday Service of Remembrance at 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead ...

Sunday, December 8th – The Second Sunday of Advent –
Lighting of The Peace Candle

Monday, December 9th – Church office is closed.

Tuesday, December 10th – Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11th – Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

A Note from “My Brother’s Keeper” (Ugly Quilts) ...

An **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Athens Methodist Church. We are in need of Volunteers, so come and see how the sleeping bags and blankets are made. Many thanks for contributions over 32 years.

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Pastor Rev. Paula Kraus