

The Offertory Music (8:30) "From Heaven Above" D. Schrack
Lisa Johnson Mott, organist

(11:00) "Christmas Music Box" ("Ring Little Bells" and "O Come, Little Children") arr. D. Miller
Jubilation Bells (Heidi Fornes, Kathy Lind, Vanessa Martin, Ellen Wilson)

*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #94

*The Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Holy God of Light and Love: Lead us through this season of journey, not only in our worship, but also in our living. Ignite not just candles, but the flames of our faith, that we might more fully trust you with all we are and all we have. As we offer our gifts to you, open our hearts to the joy of generosity, that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (Hymnal p. 15) Rev. Stephen Bibb
(Communion is served by intinction, dipping of the bread into a shared cup containing the juice. For those who prefer pre-cut or gluten free bread and individual cups, there is a separate station on the north side of the chancel area. Because of the concerns of persons with compromised immune systems, there are communion elements offered specifically for them on the far south side of the worship area. Please follow the ushers' direction for approaching the appropriate serving station.)

*ADVENT HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn #213

*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. J. Westenkuehler

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Kathy Vill (8:30); Diane Stott (11:00)
Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Jonathan Heinz/Peyton O'Brien



1st Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**First United Methodist Church
1700 W. State St., West Lafayette In 47906
765-743-1285, www.fumcwl.org**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Denny Frank

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that next Sunday, December 9th, the children will present their annual Children's Christmas Program at 9:45am here in the Christian Life Center. The children and their directors have been working hard and would appreciate your presence and support.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"

K. Osterlund

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

(based on Psalm 25)

Liturgist

(You are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

PEOPLE: MAKE ME TO KNOW YOUR WAYS, O LORD; FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION; FOR YOU I WILL WAIT ALL DAY LONG!

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

PEOPLE: REMEMBER NOT THE SINS OF MY YOUTH, OR MY TRANSGRESSIONS; RATHER WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD, REMEMBER ME.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord who leads the humble in what is right, teaching them their way.

PEOPLE: ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS FOR THOSE WHO KEEP THE LORD'S COVENANT.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Liturgist

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

(8:30) Jackson and Anna Rowe

(11:00) Zylee and Morgan Saunders

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

Leader: The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

All: We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

*ADVENT HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1-4

Hymn #211

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Denny Frank

An appropriate response to the greeting "May the peace of Christ be with you" are the words, "And also with you".

THE CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Rev. Denny Frank

(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Denny Frank

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

(8:30) "Christmas Music Box" ("Ring Little Bells" and "O Come, Little Children") arr. D. Miller
Jubilation Bells (Heidi Fornes, Kathy Lind, Vanessa Martin, Ellen Wilson)

(11:00) "Keep Silence"

arr. Berry

Chancel Choir directed by Jorie Ronschke; accompanied by Ellen Wilson,
soprano saxophone and Lisa Johnson Mott, piano

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21: 25-36

Rev. Stephen Bibb

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us;

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"What Weighs down Your Heart?"

Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Denny Frank

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate all of those who came to the Hanging of the Greens yesterday and decorated our church as we begin this season of Advent. Your generosity supports this ministry and all the others of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.