

November 29, 2015



**Mission Statement:**  
**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 am Service**

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Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Don Griffith - Custodian

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Sam Semotan-Dir. Little Friends

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## First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

*Welcome visitors – Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, welcome and we're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!*

*If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.*

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.*

*In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room in the lower level of the building at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!*

PRELUDE "Sonata for Horn and Piano" played by Daniel Charette  
by Bernhard Heiden  
Lighting of the Candles Ringing of the Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP (Worship & Song, #3)  
"Blow the horn in Zion; give a shout on my holy mountain!  
Let all the people of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.  
It is near – Come! Let us worship God."

\* PRAISE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1-4 & 7) No. 211

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, to repent is to turn away from everything that separates us from you.  
We are imperfect people, and yet you love us.  
We are a distracted people, and yet you come near to us.  
We are lost, yet you come to find us.  
Draw near to us, and yet, may we draw near to you.  
In and through the saving presence and power of Jesus. (silent reflection)**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Stonebraker Family  
Leader: Watch! The Kingdom is in our midst.  
**ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.**

SING "Star-Child" (vss. 1 & 2) No. 2095

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer "There's Something About that Name" No. 171

Prayers of the People & 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**

LEARNING from the HEBREWS      Jeremiah 33:14-16

CHILDREN'S LESSON      Kris Clark  
*(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)*

ACT OF PRAISE      "Come, Emmanuel, Come"      Chancel Choir

\* A JESUS STORY      Luke 21:25-36

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE      "Want Peace? Try Wholehearted Cooperation with the Inevitable"

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY      "Like a Child"      Chancel Choir  
*(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)*

\* A PRAYER (unison)

**God of our salvation, we rejoice in your steadfast love. You lead us by your Holy Spirit in paths of righteousness and peace. May our thankfulness overflow in generosity to friends, neighbors, and strangers. Extend the reach of our congregation - that our offerings allow others to learn of your grace and goodness. In the name of Jesus, our redeemer. Amen.**

\* SENDING FORTH

L: May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love  
for each other and for everyone;

**P: May the love cause our hearts to be strengthened,**

L: to be blameless in holiness before our God when the Lord Jesus comes again!!

**P: Amen.**

\* MARCHING SONG      "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"      No. 218

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week  
*Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.*

POSTLUDE      Sylvia Gould

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### Today's Sunday Servants

Liturgist: Twyla Hein; Power Point: Ken McKay Create & Run; Fellowship: Ken & Lorna Muller, Cheryl & Steve Person; Ushers: Steve & Cheryl Person, Berrie Glick; Greeters: Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Nursery: Roberta Gesling; Children's Lesson: Kris Clark; Acolytes: Gwen VanScoy & Lea Stonebraker;

### December 6 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Caden & Hannah Schmidt; Power Point: Brian Heil-Create & Run; Fellowship Coffee: Larry & Kathy Houstman, Glenda & Bob Holets; Ushers: Bob & Ginny Cummins, Renee & Murry Mentte; Greeters: Heather Strefling & Karen Strefling.; Nursery: Deanna & Steven Licht; Communion Steward: Judy Rouse

## PRAYERS

### Hospitalized/Procedures:

**Healing:** Joanne Beers, Jessica Brown (dau. of Patti & Phil Seydel), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Stephanie Coppess, Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Donna Gault, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Dean Hoffmann (Kent's dad), Linda Huff (M. Stonebraker's mom), Rex Idlewine, Al Mart (son of Clarence UMC pastor); Ron Martin, Larry Maxwell, Mark McKay (Ken's bro), Jeff McKinney, Grace Nichols (J.Comstock's mom), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman's bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); Mindy Praught, Carol Ruedy (Michelle Smith's mom), Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Heather Strefling, Gary Taylor, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Keith Wood, and others under care or treatment.

### Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

**In Treatment:** Chris Keller, Gary Kline, Katie Ryan, Linda (Kay Miller's sis)

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Elmer Flory, Judy Keller, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Worship 113, Community Service 99, Sunday School 75, General Fund \$4122.01, Upper Room \$3.01, Apportionments \$3000.00, L.F. Preschool Salary \$886.32, UMC Tee Shirts \$14.00, Copper Kettle \$51.38, Thanksgiving Offering \$418.00.

### This Week

**Sun. Nov. 29:** 10:30am Worship, 3:00pm Cedar Manor Worship,

**Wed. Dec. 2:** 1:00pm GIG, 5:30pm Youth Group, 6:00pm GIG, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm Choir Practice, 7:30 Leadership Council

**Thurs. Dec 3:** 10:00am GIG, 6:30pm Trustees

**Sun. Dec 6:** 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am GIG, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 3:30pm Junior Lego League