



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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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor
Jenn Comstock - Admin. Ministries Coordinator
Sylvia Gould - Accompanist
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos
Don Griffith - Custodian
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director
Dee Wallace - Accompanist

December 14, 2014

Chapter 14 of THE STORY

10:30 a.m.

“A Kingdom Torn in Two”

Welcome All. We ask every one to record your name on the insert. Also read, pray and respond to the ministry opportunities on the back. Use this insert as one of your offerings.

*Please let the usher know if you'd like to try a **Large Print Hymnal**.*

***Children** are **welcome** in worship but we do offer a **staffed nursery** during worship for pre-school children. There are children's activity bags at the back of the sanctuary on the coat tree, and two versions of children's bulletins on the table.*

The () invites persons to rise as able for this act of worship.*

Numbers in the 2,000's are in the small, black song book - The Faith We Sing. Otherwise numbers are from The Hymnal, the red, hardbound song book. (CCLI License# 3112810)

PRELUDE

Lighting of the Candles

Special Music
Ring of the Bell

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES®

Reader : Come, Lord Jesus.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

* SING

“O come, O come Emmanuel”

No. 211

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON (unison)

**We confess to you, O God, that we inhabit the ruined cities,
where trust has been shaken;
where dreams have become dim memories;
where hopes have turned to despair.**

We have learned to be at home in a broken world.

We have pursued happiness and pleasure rather than peace and joy.

**Yet your faithfulness sustains us and revives us,
and your promise raises us into a new life.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through the Savior, Jesus Christ.**

[silent reflection]

L: God says, “I am creating a new heaven and a new earth.” Behold the works of the Lord. In Jesus Christ, all things have been made new. Amen.

HEBREW BIBLE READING

I Kings 12:1-11

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

Call to Prayer

"You Are Holy"

No. 2077

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Dusty Johnson

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE

"Peace On Earth"

Christian Chaos

* A JESUS STORY

Luke 2:25-35

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Instructions: How to Make People Hate You!"

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

"Prepare and Make Ready the Way"

Choir Kids

(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, you work miracles. Nothing can hinder your purposes. Your love shines forth in your living Word. We pray that the world will reflect your Word. Use these offerings to create small miracles of transformation in the world today. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SENDING FORTH

L: May the love of God convince, you, in every situation, to love.

P: We go now to love others, even as Christ loves me! Amen.

* MARCHING SONG

"Angels we Have Heard on High"

No. 238

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

"Silent Night"

Xn Chaos

Confirmation Students reading and lighting the Advent wreath today include:

Sommer Daniel, Jesse Lieser, Maddie Peters

December 14 Sunday Servants:

Special Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent; Liturgist: Deb Conant; Acolytes: Jacob Boedeker & Ian Spangler; Power Point: Becky Y-create, Daniel C-run; Video: Comstock Family; Nursery: Rhonda Waugh; Ushers: Renee & Murry Mente, Michelle & Gary O'Leary; Fellowship Coffee: Ron & Lois Salmonson, Mike & Deb Eisele, Kevin & Dawn Spickermann; Greeters: Ryan and Melinda Stonebraker; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson; Flowers: Becky Young.

December 21 Sunday Servants:

Special Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Liturgist: Gail Fleming; Acolytes: Caleb Shumaker & Adam Heil; Power Point: Alec Heil-Create and run; Video: McKinney Family; Nursery: Jennifer, Zoe, & Drew Comstock; Ushers: Renee & Murry Mente; Fellowship Coffee: Brad & Bobbie Lieser, Larry & Kathy Houston; Greeters: Steve & Cheryl Person; Children's Lesson: Berrie Glick; Flowers: Jane Moen & P. Paul Frederiksen

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Velma Hubler @ Mercy-IC
Healing: Joyce Abbot (Candi Duesenberry's mom), Linda Black (J. Keller's sis), Kathy Carson (J Reidel's sis), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law), Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Melissa Davis, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Betty Hopkins (Deb Bothell's mom), Lee Huff, (M.Stonebraker's bro), Rex Idlewine, Ken McKay, Lillian (Deb Bothell's grt-grand-dau), Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister), Marvin Miller, Jim Shontz, Charlotte Wagaman (Bert's sis), Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Family and friends of Dorothy Feldman, who died last Sunday afternoon.

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: Wally Reidel, Carol Cartwright (Jack's sis,) Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Oscar Wilson

Hospice/Palliative Care: Elmer Flory, Henry Wiskus

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih

Attendance: Worship - 118; Sunday School - 78. General Fund 3,827.00, Caring Ministry 30.00, Copper Kettle 145.15, Christmas Offering 315.00, Thanksgiving Offering 50.00, Grand Total 4,367.15

This week:

Sun. 12/14: 8:30am Choir Kids, 9am Confirmation, 9am G.I.G., 9am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 6pm Dominoes, 6:30pm Children's Christmas Program

Mon. 12/15: 8am Pastor @ ECI, 4:30pm Grief Group, 6:30pm Xn Chaos rehearsal, 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #5302

Tue. 12/16: Newsletter Articles Due, 6pm Daisy Troop #4231, 6:30pm HCI Hospitality

Wed. 12/17: 12pm Pastor @ Bible Study, 6pm G.I.G., 6pm G.I.G., 7pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, 8pm Abigail Circle (Sylvia Ferguson)

Thu. 12/18: 8:30am ECI Board, 8:30am Child Conservation, 10am G.I.G., 5pm Backpack Buddies, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm Priscilla Circle (Sandy Childs)

Fri. 12/19: 1:30pm Mary Martha (Lois Salmonson)

Sun. 12/21: 8:30am No Choir Kids, 9am Confirmation, 9am G.I.G., 9am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 12:30pm Private Party, 2:30pm Service of Long Shadows, 5pm Christmas Caroling