

December 13, 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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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor

Karis Horstmann - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

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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Advent #3

10:30 a.m.

Welcome visitors – Whether you're related to a 'regular,' or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, 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 go 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
of the Candles Ringing of the Bell Christian Chaos Light-

* PRAISE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1,3,5,7) No. 211

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 Hymnal No. 889

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Josh, Alisha & Andi Hubler

[After the 3^d candle is lit;]

Reader: Watch! The Kingdom is in our midst.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

SING "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 3) No. 230

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

Call to Prayer 'Come and Fill Our Hearts' No. 2157

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.

CHILDREN'S LESSON Dusty Johnson

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

ACT OF PRAISE “Prepare and Make Ready the Way” Choir Kids

* EARLY INSTRUCTION Luke 3:7-18
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “Good Reasons to Avoid Church Before Christmas”

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS
THE OFFERTORY Choir Kids
(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* A PRAYER (unison)
Generous God, we thank you for bringing us to this season of faith, hope, and love. As we look at our lives, we see evidence of the countless ways that you have provided. Let our acts of kindness as a church bear good fruit, fruit bearing witness to Jesus Christ. Amen.

* SENDING FORTH
L: Watch! The Kingdom is in our midst.
P: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen!

* MARCHING SONG “O Come All Ye Faithful” (vss. 1-3) No. 234

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 Christian Chaos



Congratulations to Deb Lowry and Shayne Lanning for becoming new members of Tipton United Methodist Church today!

Today's Sunday Servants

Liturgist: Lorna Muller; Acolytes: Davis Webb & Nicholas Eicher; Power Point: Trina Hill-Create & Run; Fellowship Coffee: Ron & Lois Salmonson, Deb Eisele, Dawn Spickerman; Ushers: Ron & Lois Salmonson, Ken & Lorna Muller; Greeters: Chris & Kiley Schultz Family; Nursery: Rhonda Waugh; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

December 20th Sunday Servants

Liturgist: Larry Glick; Power Point: Alec Heil; Fellowship Coffee: Heil Family; Ushers: Bob & Barb Rickard; Greeters: Jan & Gordon Esbeck; Nursery: Jen'Nifer & Zoe Comstock; Children's Lesson: Gail Fleming; Acolytes: Margaret O'Leary & Ava Boldt

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Charles Linn @ Mercy-IC

Kinnick Gaunt @ CO Springs, CO (son of Jennifer [Hoffman] & Neil)

Murry Mente & Christopher McKinney @ UIHC

Healing: Joanne Beers, Jessica Brown (Seydel's dau.), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Donna Gault, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Dean Hoffman (Kent's dad), Linda Huff (M. Stonebraker's mom), Rex Idlewine, Chris Keller, Ron Martin, Mark McKay (Ken's bro), Christopher McKinney, Grace Nichols (J.Comstock's mom), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman's bro-in-law), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); 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:

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

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

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

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

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

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

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

Worship 109, Sunday School 74, General Fund \$5825.00, Upper Room \$2.00, Apportionments \$210.00, UMC Tee Shirts \$14.00, Copper Kettle \$51.44, Christmas Offering \$185.00, Thanksgiving Offering \$10.00, Grand Total \$6297.44

This Week

Sun. Dec. 13: 10:30am Worship, 11:30am Financial Peace Preview, 2:30pm KFC, 6:00pm Dominoes

Mon. Dec 14: 3:50 pm LFP Board Meeting, 6:30pm Chaos Practice,

Wed. Dec 16: Newsletter Articles Due, 1:00pm GIG, 6:00pm GIG, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm Choir Practice, 8:00pm Abigail Circle

Thurs. Dec 17: 10:00am GIG, 7:00pm Priscilla Circle

Fri. Dec, 18: 1:30pm Mary Martha

Sun. Dec 20: Sunday School Program, 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am GIG, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm Service of Long Shadows