

<u>Mission Statement:</u> 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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December 20, 2015

Advent #4

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 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 Lighting of the Candles	"We Three Kings" Ringing of the Bell	Instrumental Band
* PRAISE	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	(vss. 1 & 2) No. 230

* PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Merciful God, in the obedience of your servant Mary you have given to the church a model and example of service. Inspire our witness to your presence, that we may be Christ-bearers who manifest your love to all the world. "The Almighty has done great things for us!" Amen.

CHIME CHOIR "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 4th-6th Grades THE ADVENT CANDLES Shayne, Morgan, Logan, Corina, Adrian Lanning [After the 4th candle is lit-] Leader: Watch! The Kingdom is in our midst. ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. SING "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240 (Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.) JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer "What Child Is This" (Refrain) No. 219 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary. 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

ACT OF PRAISE	"Born in Bethlehem"	Chancel Choir		
CHILDREN'S CHRISTM	AS PROGRAM			
(Na	tivity by Jr.& Sr. High Students)			
	"Away In A Manger"	Pre-school-Kindergarten		
	* Luke 2:1-7			
	"The First Noel"	Grades 1-3		
	Luke 2:8-20			
"G	o, Tell It On the Mountain"	All Sunday School		
	Matthew 2:1-12			
	"Joy to the World" <i>(Children sing 1st ve</i>	No. 246 erse; everyone join vss. 2-4)		
 BRINGING TITHES and OFFERINGS – Our Response to God's Gifts THE OFFERTORY "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" Chancel Choir * A PRAYER (unison) Faithful God, you astound us with your miracles! We rejoice that you sent your Son Jesus to bring light and salvation. Make us to be more like Mary, believing your Word and trusting your promises. We dedicate our lives and offerings for the mis- sion of this church, so more people will find hope in and life in Jesus the Christ. Amen. 				
* SENDING FORTH L: Watch! The Kingdo P: Come, Lord Jesus				
* MARCHING SONG	"Angels We Have Heard On	High" No. 238		
	ow We'll Each Put Hands & Feet a microphone so everyone may			

POSTLUDE

Zoe Stonebraker

Today's 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; Acolytes: Margaret O'Leary & Ava Boldt

December 27 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers; Liturgist: Kris Clark; Power Point: Comstock Family; Children's Lesson: Greta Bierman; Ushers: Ron & Lois Salmonson; Greeters: Rich & Kiaya Rickard-Urban; Fellowship Coffee: Rick & Judy Rouse; Nursery: Zoe Stonebraker

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

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, Keith Wood, and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Family & friends of Edna Hamilton, celebrating her 105th birthday with Jesus. Funeral is Dec. 28th.

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 140, Sunday School 93, General Fund \$2730.00, Shared Blessings \$14.00, LF Preschool Contribution \$300.00, Copper Kettle \$62.20, Christmas Offering \$205.00, Thanksgiving Offering \$5.00, Angel Tree \$50.00, Grand Total \$3366.20

This Week

Sun. Dec 20: Sunday School Program, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm Service of Long Shadows. 5:00pm Christmas Caroling, 7:15 Band Practice Tues Dec. 22: 8:00am Meeting of the Holy Folders, 2:00pm Prairie Hills Program (1st Program of Christmas) Wed. Dec 23: 1:00pm GIG, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm Band Practice Thurs. Dec 24: Christmas Eve, Office Closed, 3:30pm Family Service of Christmas, 10:00pm Traditional Service of Christmas Fri. Dec 25: Christmas Day. Office Closed Sat. Dec 26: 11:00am Shared Blessings Meal Sun. Dec 27: 9:00am GIG, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship