

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Emmanuel* No. 204  
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *Emmanuel* No. 204

CHOIR ANTHEM *Emmanuel, Expected Jesus* Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64:1-4, 6-8  
 Mark 13:24-27, 32-37

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 196

SERMON Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
 ADVENT AGENDA:  
 "Awaken to Hope"

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Once in Royal David's City* Henry Gauntlett/arr. Cindy Berry  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

***Praise God whose dawn transfigures night, who Daystar shines for us on high,  
 Whose Spirit brings into our sight, the hope to which our world draws nigh.***

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, page 15  
 Sharing the Bread and Cup  
 Communion Music *Breath of Heaven* Grant, Eaton/arr. Cindy Berry

\*CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203

\*BENEDICTION

Keep awake, hope is coming to us.  
**We await God's salvation.**  
 Keep alert, Christ is coming soon.  
**We await God's blessings.**  
 Be ready, Christ is among us now.  
**We go with God's blessing.**

RESPONSE *People, Look East* verse 4 No. 202

***Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.  
 Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
 People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord is on the way.***

POSTLUDE *Then Shall Your Light Shine Forth* Patricia Lou Harris

*Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organist: Brad Bettencourt*

**Isaiah 64:1-4, 6-8**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

**Mark 13:24-27, 32-37**

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

*Today's Liturgist: BQ Perriguet*



***ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME***  
 will be the last TWO Sundays in December  
 Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

ATTENDANCE						STEWARDSHIP
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/05	36	68	104	6	110	\$12,393
11/12	32	69	101	40	141	\$32,262
11/19	39	70	109	32	141	\$ 5,458
11/26	29	53	82	6	86	\$3,412
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$142,467 YTD Budgeted \$125,923 Thanksgiving \$3,540 Thanksgiving Budgeted \$2,500 Methodist Student Day Received \$125						

***HOSPITALITY TIME***  
*Today's Hosts:*  
**UNITED  
 METHODIST  
 MEN**  
 Hosts next  
 Sunday, Dec. 10  
 Board of Trustees

**TODAY SUNDAY, DEC 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 Starting 9:30 a.m. Adults \$15,  
 \$5 Kids under 12.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Dec 04</b>	Quilt Class will resume in January. 9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 Sew-n-Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Yoga--CH, 1:00 PM Bible Study--CH 5:00 PM Hand Bell Practice--HR.
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Dec 05</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday, 10:00 AM Fellowship Ministry--L.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Dec 06</b>	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 12:00 Noon Angel Tree Gifts Deadline, 5:00 PM Hand Bell Practice--HR, 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal--S.
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Dec 07</b>	3:00 PM UWF Holiday High Tea--Criswell Hall.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Dec 09</b>	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary.

### Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall

S--Sanctuary

K--Kitchen

L--Library---  
Room #123

MMR--McMillen  
Room --#113

PS--Pastor's Study



**Thu., Dec. 7.**  
**Early deadline for ANGEL TREE**  
**GIFTS. To be delivered to**  
**Criswell Hall or the Church Office**  
**No later than noon on Dec. 7.**



**Thu. Dec. 14, 6:00 pm in the**  
**Sanctuary Children's Center**  
**Annual Christmas Program.**



Reception follows in Criswell Hall.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

January 20 SLO Train Museum Visit

February 10 Paulding Museum Tour

February 24 Branch Street Tour

**Sign up at Connections!**



**Sat. Dec 9, 3:00-4:30 pm**

**UWF HIGH TEA. In addition**  
**to teas, there will be tea**  
**sandwiches and delicious**  
**little desserts.**

Tickets are \$10.



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December 3, 2023

10:30 AM

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

*How Far Is It To Bethlehem?*

Mark Hayes

INTROIT

*People, Look East verse 1*

No. 202

***People, look east, the time is near for the crowning of the year.***  
***Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.***  
***People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest is on the way.***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The day foretold is coming,  
**When our deafened ears will behold a fire,**  
**a blazing star in the Eastern sky!**

The One foretold is coming-----  
**Whose light will shine through the deepest gloom:**  
**a manger's glow in the silent night!**

The day is at hand! O World, keep watch!  
**The Savior draws near!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel verses 1, 2, 6 & 7*

No. 211

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**God of all hopefulness, bring hope to our days.**  
**Grant us patience to watch and wait**  
**for signs of your presence.**  
**Illuminate our steps and show us the path,**  
**that we may find courage to live with faith**  
**as we wait for the coming of Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Hope

*(congregation sings "Away in a Manger" as children come and go)*