

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—November 30, 2025



And His Name Shall be Called

Our Advent theme this year will feature the four prophetic names of Jesus given by the prophet Isaiah 9:6 – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – and experience the inspiration they provided for the English language oratorio composed in 1741 in London England by George Frideric Handel that we know as Handel's *Messiah*.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Isaiah 9

Leader: Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ.

People: **Our hearts long to see God!**

Leader: We gather expectantly, joyfully and with deep commitment, for we have heard the gospel announced!

People: **Come Lord Jesus, Come!**

Leader: The prophets announced the very identity of the Messiah in names filled with meaning and revelation.

People: **Let all creation rejoice in the appearance!**

*HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad
#2270 FWS

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

Refrain:

He has made me glad.

He has made me glad.

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad.

He has made me glad.

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed #881*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Universal

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-3a & 5 (NRSVUE)

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob...

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206 UMH, Refrain only

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
Words & Music Kathleen Thomerson (1966)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from The National Council of Churches for Christ

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light... [silent prayer]

We pray for the Christian community around the world and here in this place... [silent prayer]

We pray for all in need of your healing, your comfort, your counsel, and your strength. May we know that you are ever faithful and wonderful... [silent prayer]

Keep us, O Lord, in a serious seeking after you, and in an affectionate walking with you, every day of our lives; that when you come, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious God for ever... [silent prayer]

We pray all of these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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GIVING

*RESPONSE #95, UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Romans 13:11-14 (NRSVUE)

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE *Honoring a Name* Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN *Glorify Thy Name* #2016 FWS

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

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BENEDICTION

Adapted from Joanne 1, Corinthians 2:10 & Isaiah 60

We welcome the work of God revealed to the world.
In the names from the prophets
we see what God has promised.
Behold the appearance of Christ
and share the joyous song with others.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Lighting the Advent Candle at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton & Sandy Ader

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer

Lighting the Advent Candle at 9:40 – Kent & Maureen Smith

Greeters at 9:40 – Jim Pearce and Molly and Jim Barber



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40am service!

OPEN MEET & GREETINGS WITH BRANDON

- **Sunday, December 7 @ 11:30am** in the Armstrong Room – hosted by David Rhodenbaugh
- **Wednesday, December 10 @ 7:00pm** location TBA – hosted by Kaleigh Hollyday – RSVP to Kaleigh at 513-526-3745 (call or text), khollyday99@gmail.com
- **Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00pm** at the home of Scott & Amy Darrah in Montgomery – RSVP to Amy at atdsmd3@aol.com, 513-470-7515 (call or text)



Thanks to the wonderful folks who put up trees, fluffed greens, hung ornaments, attached bows, and ate fruit, pizza, and cookies together:

Shelley Bamberger, Kati Arthur, Jim and Carol Pearce, Joy Miller, Tracy Paluta, Dottie Wakefield, Robin and Chip Nielsen, Jon and Jane Florer, Adie and Jackson, Sandy Ader, Ann Hamilton, Xavier, and, of course, pastors David and Elizabeth for their time and support.

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**





A Jesse Tree Advent Prayer Walk EXPERIENCE

Guided by Rev. Brandon Long

From Promise to Presence

Join us on Wednesday,
December 3 at 7:00 PM
in the Worship Center
for an immersive Advent experience.
Walk through a reflective journey from
God's promise to Christ's presence,
pick up a Jesse Tree family packet, and
stay for treats and fellowship.

Don't miss this meaningful start to the season.
For more information visit our website @ armstrongchapel.org



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Everyday Advent —Women's Study

Mondays, December 1 and 8 at 9:30am in the Armstrong Room. Advent is a time to remember and reflect. We will learn the meaning and significance of this tradition and what the Advent candles

bring us when we are preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Co-lead by Alicia Neal and Trudy Flowers.

Advent Candle Lighting

We are looking for couples / families / individuals to do a small reading and light the Advent candles during Sunday worship through 12/21 and on Christmas Eve.

SIGN UP AT <http://bit.ly/43dJBOT>



Help our mission partner, Inter Parish Ministry, this Holiday season as they give toys and gifts to 500 families in need!

New, unopened toys and gifts should be brought in by Sunday, December 14.

You can find a list of ideas on IPM's website along with their Amazon wish lists links at <https://www.ipmfoodpantry.org/christmas-giving>. Printed lists are also available in the Atrium.

Surviving the Holidays

Grief is harder around the holidays. Know how to deal with the challenges. Our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Monday, December 8 @ 6:30pm

in the Wesley Room

**Sponsored by Stephen Ministry
Led by Jill Crowell & Andy Mauk**



Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary starting in mid-Advent. You may purchase a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones. \$20 per plant. You may take your poinsettias home with you on Christmas Eve. Orders are due by Wednesday, December 10.

Online order form: <https://bit.ly/45uhV6G>; write a note on the back of your Connect Card; or mail a note to the church office: include your payment = \$20 per plant, and who you'd like a plant in memory or in honor of (attn: Joy, 5125 Drake Rd, 45243).

Share in a morning of fun to get your kids ready for the holidays!
This Christmas Bash is fun for the whole family!

All Church Event

SWEETS WITH Santa

DECEMBER 13

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

activities in the Children's Center

- Treats,
- Coloring
- Face Painting
- & Pictures with Santa

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Stop by the Armstrong Room and see Santa before you leave.

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SHARE IN AN
ALL CHURCH
COOKIE & CAROLS

Celebrate the Season singing beloved Christmas Carols around the piano. Cookies and drinks provided.

DECEMBER 7
2:00 pm
in the Atrium

Hosted by Julie Holland's Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study.

Bring a friend for a fun time of LAUGHTER, SONG, AND FELLOWSHIP



HANDBELL Choir
Holiday
Performance

Sunday
December 14
9:40 am Worship Service



RIVER'S EDGE
BRASS BAND

Monday **DECEMBER 15** 7:00 pm



Armstrong Chancel Choir
and local musicians
Concert
Handel's
Messiah
Part I

December 21
7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary



Women United
Monthly
Luncheon
DECEMBER 10
Ladies,

Share in a festive Holiday Lunch filled with laughter, fellowship, and the joy of the season.

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon together—and don't forget to invite a friend to share in the warmth and connection!



Saturday Men's
BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 20

JOIN US FOR A MEN'S HOLIDAY SATURDAY BREAKFAST—A FESTIVE MORNING FILLED WITH GOOD FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND GENUINE CAMARADERIE.

in the Armstrong Room
8:00 - 9:30 am

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