



CLEAR THE LORD'S WAY  
IN THE DESERT!

- ISAIAH 40:3B



# First United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

Our Statement of Faith: Jesus, Our Rock of Salvation, Our Life Springs Eternal

## Faith Theme 2017

**HEALTHY THINGS GROW**>GROWING THINGS CHANGE>CHANGE IS A CHALLENGE>  
CHALLENGE FORCES US TO TRUST GOD—>TRUSTING GOD MAKES US HEALTHY>

**HEALTHY THINGS GROW!**

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### Prelude

Sue Milligan

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please register your presence with us this morning, then pass the book to the person sitting next to you. Before the offertory, tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate. Thank You!*

*Song Leader: Morgen Townsend*

*Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin*

*Greeters: Alma O'Hare*

### **\*Congregational Call to Worship**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234

Verses 1 - 3

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

### **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In)**

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

UMH 220

Verses 1 & 2

### **Doxology**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Time** *Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white. They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

### **Joys and Concerns**

### **A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer**

### **Prayer Response**

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

UMH 204

### **Special Music**

"Joy to the World" with "Away in a Manger" & It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Lydia Townsend accompanied by Morgen Townsend

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:1-8 (p. 812)

Kay Womack

The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond **"Thanks Be to God!"**

### **Morning Message**

"The Light Is Coming"

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

### **\*Closing Hymn**

"The First Noel"

UMH 245

Verses 1 - 3

### **\*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

### **Postlude**

Sue Milligan

**Prayer Requests:** Larry & Sylvia Fanelli; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Oscar Erickson; Alma O'Hare; Kay Womack's sister, Terry Cline; Josh Patterson; Nancy McConnell; John Morrison; Larry Finnell; Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat & Jack Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Carol Ransdell; Pastor Jim; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Anne Dunaway; Pastor Jim's sister, Judy, and aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Deanne Autry; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother; Penny Hardin's husband.

Prayer Request:

By:

**Recommended for Devotional Readings:**

*Dec 17<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28*

*Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*

**A note from the Pastor:**

**Love**

*Greetings in the name of Jesus our Christ!*

*This week's Advent theme is Love. Read 1 Corinthians 13 and if your version uses the word charity, please know it should read love.*

*In this passage Paul tells us of three major themes, faith, hope, and love. In the final verse he shares that of the three only love will remain. In this passage, we have laid out by Paul, God's love and our call to love the same way. However, let's go back to love that never ends.*

*You see, in Christ, we have the living embodiment of God's love for us. A love that even death could not overcome. We are called to love God with all of our heart, mind, body, and soul. This is exemplified and lived out in the life of Jesus, even unto the cross! Jesus gave us a new commandment, "to love one another as He has loved us."*

*Love is the only human element, emotion, trait, nature, or however love could be described, that will survive death. When we decide to love someone they have no other choice concerning our loving them except to accept it or reject it. However, even if they do reject our love, our love does not end. The same is true of God's love for us. We can accept it or reject it, but we cannot stop His loving us!*

*So please, always remember you and I may be able to reject God's love, but we can never stop God loving us! Love truly came down at Christmas!*

(\*) Please Stand as you are able. **TFWS** is the smaller paperback and the **UMH** is the hardback song book.

Share the Message! The Pastor's Message is recorded on CD's every Sunday. They are available free of Charge and can be found in the Narthex, and at the website: [www.rockspringsumc.org](http://www.rockspringsumc.org). You are welcome to take one.

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Minister of Music: Sue Milligan

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Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis

Nursery Attendant(s): Nicole France & Lauren Mayer

**Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.**

Church office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

*Please call office to ensure someone is here.*

**Remember** donated items for the Boys & Girls Club are appreciated by UMW; see Mary Lou Jessen, Penni Harden, or Marj Schaefer.

**General Information/Opportunities/Upcoming**

Sunday School for Adults

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Children's Church

During Service (Following the Children's Time)

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. till Noon. Other times by appointment, however, the Pastor is always available. Please call or text him. Please call before making a special trip.

***SPECIAL NOTE:*** If you would like the Pastor to visit with your family, or someone else, please let him or the office know so it can be arranged.

**By The Numbers**

**Attendance Last Sunday**

56 Adults 6 Children

**Weekly Budget**

\$ 3,390.00

**Generous Giving Last Sunday**

\$ 2,213.00

**LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Keep these dates on your calendar**

Thursday, Dec 14, 7:15 a.m.

Thursday, Dec 14, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 14, to follow

**Sunday, Dec 24, 7:00 p.m.**

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

Finance Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

**Christmas Eve Service**

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Volunteer Needed

Cover Text: Isaiah 40:3b

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Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2017: Isaiah 40:1-11;  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

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## Second Sunday of Advent — December 10, 2017

### LOVE

Reader: This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light two purple candles. Last Sunday, we lit the candle of hope. This Sunday, we light the candle of love. One verse that many memorize and remember on this day is John 3:16, "God so loved the world..." Some people may not know the love of other people. That makes it harder for them to understand God's love. During Advent, we pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know that God's love for all people is the reason for this gift.

(Light the first and second candles.)

Reader: When we look at the second candle, we remember God's love. When we read the words of Scripture, we know of God's greatness and care. We remember God's love at Advent when we remember that God sent Jesus to us to help us know that God is loving and just.

Reader: Read Isaiah 40:1-8.

Pray Together: **Dear God: Thank you for your son, Jesus. Thank you for the words found in our Bible that help us remember your love and care. Help us see how we can bring God's message to the people we meet in our schools, at our jobs, and in our neighborhoods. Help us be messengers of God's love for everyone. Amen.**