

**Childcare** is available during worship for infants in Rooms 1 and 2. A greeter can direct you. "Celebration," a worship preparation experience for children preschool – 2nd grade, is offered during the 10:50 a.m. worship hour. Children are always welcome to join in worship services and are encouraged to sit with their parents. We have a Safe Sanctuary policy in place during worship time. **If your child must leave the worship space while under your care, please accompany them during that time to ensure the safety of your child.** **Special Assistance** is available if you have difficulty hearing and would like to use one of our personal hearing devices, or need other assistance. Please ask a greeter for help. There are large print bulletins available as well.



**St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
Norman, Oklahoma**



**This Week at St. Stephen's:**

<b>Today:</b>		
4:00	Advent Workshop	Community Hall
4:30	Ring with Joy	Sanctuary
6:00	Meditation	Zoom
<b>Monday:</b>		
<b>Tuesday:</b>		
<b>Wednesday:</b>		
2:30	Sacred Journey	Room 12 / Zoom
6:00	Fellowship of the Ringers	Sanctuary
7:00	Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday:</b>		
7:00	NYSH	Lyle Hall
<b>Friday:</b>		
6:30	Living Room NA	Community Hall
7:00	Native American Flute Circle	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday:</b>		
9:30	Intermediate Tai Chi	Community Hall
1:00	Project Outreach	Community Hall

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God calls us to be partners in community and partners for justice. In the Spirit of Christ we will:

- ❖ *Care for one another*
- ❖ *Offer sanctuary and healing*
- ❖ *United head and heart*
- ❖ *Do justice*

*November 28, 2021*

*8:30am, 10:50am and online*

Gathering Thoughts

(10:50) Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Gathering Music

Meditation

When you recover or discover something that nourishes your soul and brings joy, care enough about yourself to make room for it in your life. *Jean Shinoda Bolen*

The truth of the matter is, the space will be filled when you make a conscious decision to let go of that which does not serve you. *Tony Fakhry*

The waiting of Advent teaches us to live in increments, in small pieces rather than large chunks. Waiting also teaches us to measure our progress slowly. *Holly Whitcomb*

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

One: It's time to get ready.

**Many: It's time to worship.**

One: It's time to get ready.

**Many: It's time to be strong.**

One: It's time to get ready.

**Many: It's time to love.**

One: Let's worship together, that God may strengthen our love this day.

*From The Abingdon Worship Annual 2018, edited by Scifres and Beu.*

Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

red #211, v. 1, 2, 7

Prayer for Focus

**God of Advent, Coming into View, You are like the sun just before dawn, when twilight is fading. You are like the first star at night before all the stars blaze into glory. You are the moon rising, and the new moon, about to be born. We see everything differently by Your light and Your darkness. May the wonder and surprise of this season take root in us, though we know the old story. May we be caught up in the excitement and joy even when we repeat old traditions. May we be inspired by You, O God, even as the seasons turn as they always do—for they turn in a new way in this new year. Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Amen.**

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Advent Candle Lighting

(10:50) Sing to our Kids  
Children's Time

"Where Children Belong"

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Offering Ourselves, Our Tithes, Gifts, and Prayers

Special Music

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

McCullough

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Sermon

"Making Room"

Rev. Jeannie Himes

Reflection

(8:30) Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 the food we need and forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us all. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, forever, and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

"Toda la Tierra / All Earth is Waiting"

red #210, v. 1, 2, 3

Benediction

Sending Forth

"When God is a Child"

Verse:

**Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.**

Refrain:

**When God is a Child, there's joy in our song. The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.**

Postlude

Liturgists

8:30 Valerie Underwood

10:50 Jennifer McDanel