

**St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ**

**STAY AWAKE
AT ALL TIMES,**

Praying that
you may have strength
to escape all these things
that are going to take place,
and to stand
BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."



Luke 21:36

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for children 0-4 years of age.

Contemporary Worship Service

8:30 AM

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

Sherman Family

L: Leader C: Congregation

L: Advent is here, and the wait for the birth of the Christ has begun.

C: As we light the first candle, we are reminded of God's promise of a Savior. *[light a purple candle]*

L: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” **(Jeremiah 33:14-16)**

C: God's promise of hope is for all people; together, we anticipate the day of His coming.

L: Holy God, You have promised to bring salvation and justice to Your creation. As we wait for the arrival of the Savior, may we live as those who have already been saved by Your grace—and may we share that grace with others.
Amen.

Praise

Prayer

Children's Message

Kendra Dilts

Offering – **Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads**

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

(The scripture can be found in the bulletin.)

Sermon

Still...Waiting...

Communion

Praise

Benediction



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***The Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Tyshune Bender - Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Love INC

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message

Heather Erwin

Hymn # 110

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Rejoice

R. Sregor

Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads

*The Doxology

Scripture

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Sermon

Still...Waiting...

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Apostle's Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

(We ask that you hold the elements until all have been served so that we may commune together.)

Chancel Choir

Let There Be Light

McDonald/Rosser

***Hymn # 103**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

***Benediction**

Peace, Peace

Powell

Postlude

All Ye Faithful

Latin Hymn

*—Those who are able, please stand

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Jeremiah 33:14-16:

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Luke 21:25-36:

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



Sermon Notes
02 December 2018

Scripture: **Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36**

Sermon: **Still...Waiting...**

1. According to **Jeremiah**, the hope for Christ's first coming would be fulfilled in a branch—not a tree, just a branch. How surprising is that? Why, do you suppose, would God work through such a small thing?
2. Jesus said in **Luke** there would be signs that portend His second coming. Do you see any such signs now? How should a Christian react to such signs as opposed to how those in the world would react to those same signs (see **Luke 21:26, 28**)?
3. What are some ways we should convey our Christian hope to the world? What are some ways we should avoid? How does biblical wisdom inform your view?
4. How does HOPE inform the ministry of our church? How does it impact how we measure success? How will you attempt to employ faith in your Christian witness to others?

Week at a Glance:

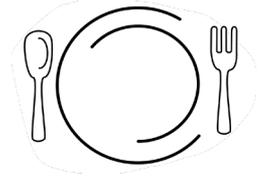
- Today 12/2: 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Confirmation Class – library
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
5 – 7 PM HCC Youth Group – FH/Sanctuary
5 – 7 PM Cub Scouts
7:30 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
- Monday, 12/3: 4:30 – 6 PM Girl Scouts
- Tuesday, 12/4: 12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary
12:00 PM AA Meeting – Chapel
2:00 PM Vancrest Bible Study – Ada
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – FH
6:45 PM Bell Choir
Ag Banquet – FH
- Wednesday, 12/5: 5 – 7 PM Kid’s Night
6 – 7:30 PM MS Youth
6:00 PM Children’s Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Thursday, 12/6: 12:00 PM AA Meeting – Chapel
6:30 PM Praise Team Practice
6:30 PM Tailor Made Life Group – Chapel
- Friday, 12/7: 11:30 AM Friday w/Friends – Henry’s
12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary
5:00 PM NA – Chapel
5:15 PM Kid’s Group -Marmon Valley Farm
- Saturday, 12/8: 7:30 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast- Henry’s
12:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
3:00 PM Girl Scouts – FH

Advent Candle Lighting Volunteers Needed: If you and/or your family would be willing to read and light the advent candles at either the first or second service, please contact the church office or let Kathy know. I need volunteers each Sunday and Christmas Eve for both the 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM services. If you can help out, please call 419-673-7278 or email: stjohnskenton@gmail.com.

Kid's Corner:

Last Sunday's Attendance: 9

Last Wednesday Night: We thank our kitchen crew again. When we were getting ready to take all younger kids downstairs, Kay shared that they had gone through 75 meals. (That's not counting the Middle School kids.) That's a lot of food to fuel those little bodies. **THANK YOU** kitchen crew!!!



(Don't know what the final meal count was by the end of the night. Our meal was **DELICIOUS!!!!**)

We are preparing to take a bunch of kids to Marmon Valley Country Christmas next Friday night. Bus will be leaving the church to **PICK UP** kids at 5:15pm. Our plan is to have the bus on the road at 5:45 going to the farm. If you are going with us, please eat dinner before getting on the bus.

While at Marmon Valley, we will ride in a covered wagon through seven stops of the nativity story. We can also take a pony ride or visit the petting zoo, make a Christmas ornament and have a cookie while we are enjoying our time together.

We have space for a few more kids at this point so please see Amy if interested. (The church has already bought the tickets for us to attend.)

We should be home back around 9 pm. (We will go no matter what the weather is so **dress accordingly.**)

Thank you for your service:

Ushers: 12/2: (8:30) Lonnie & Jennifer Stayman

(10:30) Heather Erwin, Jim Bidwell, Nancy
Rickenbacher, Carol Wilcox

12/9: (8:30) Tony & Autum Brown

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Tushune Bender missing since October 6, 2018 from Columbus, OH.

Mission of the Month: Love INC

Hardin County Collective Youth Group: St. John's will host the community youth group TONIGHT from 5-7.

Community Hymn Sing: December 9 at 6:30 PM at Kenton First United Methodist Church. If you would like to participate in the community choir, they will meet at 4:30 PM that day. A light dinner is provided to those who participate in the community choir.

Lake of Lights Live Nativity: The youth and interested church members will be the Live Nativity at the Lake of Lights on Sunday, December 16 from 6-8 pm. Plan on coming out to support them or get involved. Mark your calendars!!

Nominations Needed for Council: If you are interested in running for council, please contact one of the following people: Carol Wilcox, Nancy Rickenbacher, Mark Sherman, or Greg Martin.

Salvation Army Bell Ringer Volunteers Needed: Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring the bell at TSC (Tractor Supply Company) in Kenton on Saturdays starting Now – 12/22 from 10 am – 7 pm. Volunteers can take 1-2 hour shifts or a group could sponsor a day. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the sanctuary. See Mary Ralston for details.

Hat & Mitten Tree: A tree will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations of items to be shared with local children in need at the elementary school. Items being collected include: hats, mittens, gloves, socks, underwear, and scarves. These items will be collected through Dec. 24.



Christmas Adopt-a-Family: (List at the back of the sanctuary)

St. John's is partnering once again with Helping Hands to make sure that the children of our community have a nice Christmas. If you are able to purchase items, please follow the instructions below:



- Remove the tag for the gift you select.
- On the front of each tag you will find a number.
- On the table is a sheet listing all the tag numbers.
- **Please write your name beside the number on the sheet that corresponds to the number on your tag.**
- If you able, **please wrap your gift.** But please don't let that stop you from participating! If you want to drop off your gifts unwrapped, Helping Hands will wrap them prior to distributing them to our families. Also, if you want to participate but don't want to shop, cash can be dropped off at the church office and we will do the shopping for you.
- **Please be sure the original tag you selected or number is on the tag is somewhere on the gift! This will ensure that the gift gets to the correct person.**

Thank you for sharing God's love by blessing these families! If you have any questions, please contact Heather (567-674-0020) or the church office. **Deadline for gift return is December 10.**

Annual Congregational Meeting: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. Following the meeting, please join us for a time of fellowship with a potluck lunch. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. ***If you have any reports to submit for the annual meeting booklet, please turn them in by December 31. Thank you!***

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 9:00 AM.

A Prayer of Repentance and Salvation

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His death on the Cross for my sins and for the sins of the whole world.

I repent of my sins and turn to You for salvation. I surrender my life to You; come live in me.

Change me, cleanse me, forgive me, and make me the person that You want me to be in this world.

I receive You, Jesus Christ, as my personal Lord and Savior, today and forever more.

In Your holy name I pray. Amen.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Contemporary Worship Leader: Kendra Dilts

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Cherub & Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

Last Week:

Attendance: 8:30 a.m.: 58

10:30 a.m.: 62

Envelopes and Loose Offerings: 11/18: \$5577.00 11/25: \$2055.00

Loose \$1.00 bills - Good Samaritan Fund:

Total of November (CEF): \$1136.00

F.A.I.T.H. Time:

Golden Buckeye Attendance – 9

Golden Buckeye Offering – 11/18: \$13.25 11/25: \$11.95