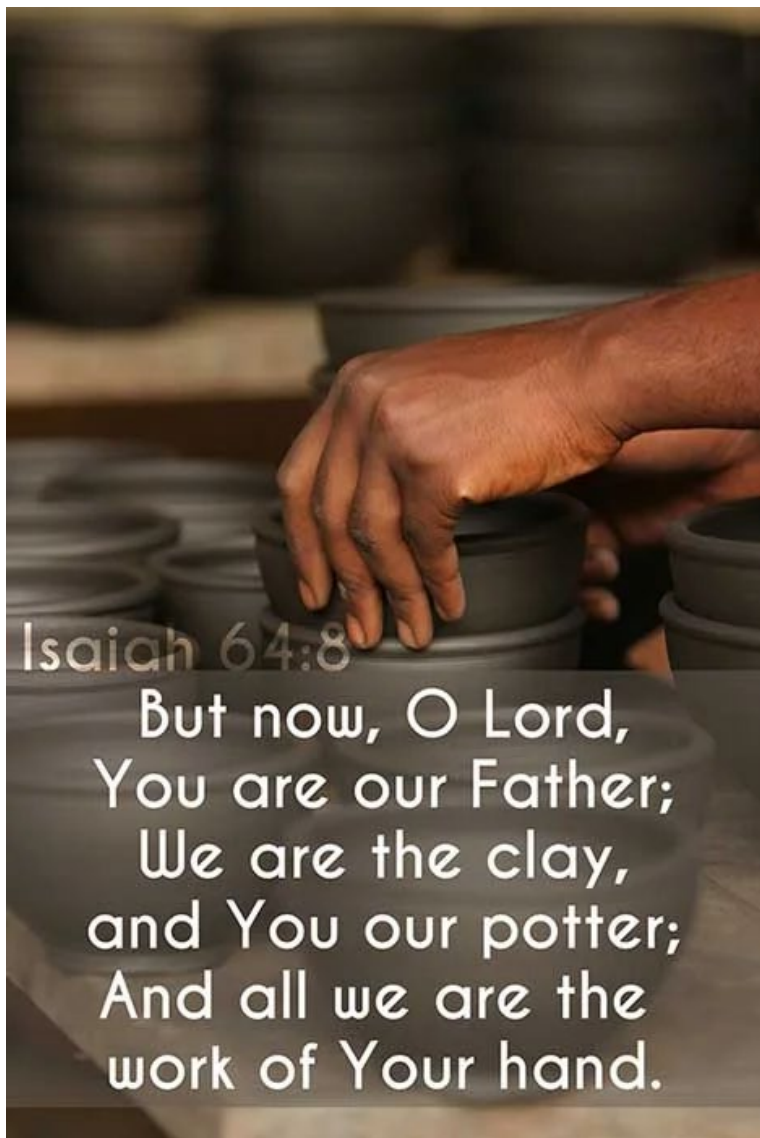


03 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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



Isaiah 64:8

But now, O Lord,
You are our Father;
We are the clay,
and You our potter;
And all we are the
work of Your hand.

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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Plainsong

Helmore/Sorenson

***Hymn #100**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 80:1-3

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

C: You who lead Joseph like a flock.

L: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

C: stir up Your might and come to save us!

L: Restore us, O God;

C: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Advent Wreath Lighting

Lighting a candle reminds us that we walk in darkness, and we need help to find our way. In darkness we lose direction. We cannot see where we have been or where we are going. A single candle, flickering brightly, helps us find our way again.

Scripture: “Stir up Your might, and come to save us. Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved”

(Psalm 80:2b-3).

The first blue/purple candle is lit.

Light one candle; see it glow
Brightly, so that all may know
How one candle shows the way
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

Prayer: Dear God, on this first Sunday in Advent, let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter, so that we will be ready for Your face to shine upon us at Christmas. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Kiya Gauss – Bedford Heights, OH

Mission of the Month: Love Inc.

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

Children's Message

What Time Is It?

Mark 13:32-33

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

Stay Awake

Special Music- Favorite Hymn

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Apostle's Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

***Hymn #102**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude

Christmas Medley

Traditional English Carols

The First Noel and What Child Is This

Turner

*— Those who are able, please stand

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Isaiah 64:1-9:

¹ Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at Your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make Your name known to Your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at Your presence!
³ When You did awesome things that we did not look for,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.
⁴ From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides You,
who acts for those who wait for Him.
⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember You in Your ways.
Behold, You were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls upon Your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of You;
for You have hidden Your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
⁸ But now, O LORD, You are our Father;
we are the clay, and You are our potter;
we are all the work of Your hand.
⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not
iniquity forever.
Behold, please look,
we are all your people.



Mark 13:24-37:

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And 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.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is

like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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Sermon Notes

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Scripture: **Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37**

Sermon: **Stay Awake**

1. How do you hear **Isaiah's** call to repentance? Do you understand how all your righteous acts apart from God are filthy rags (**64:6**) and how we need to be shaped by the Father's hand and will (**64:8**)?

2. Even though Jesus says no one knows the day or hour of His return, why do you suppose that false christs (**Mark 13:21-23**) still profit from making such predictions? Why are Christians attracted to such teachers even when Jesus clearly warns against them?

3. Why does Jesus repeatedly emphasize to believers to be alert/stay awake (**Mark 13:33, 34, 35, 37**)? What would such a posture cause the Church to do and believe?

4. How do you show God and the world that you are awake and alert? How are you preparing for Christ's return? How does His return cause you to love God and your neighbor (**Mark 12:30-31**) more fully?

Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone")

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Kiya Gauss missing from Bedford Heights, OH.

Christmas Adopt a Child: Tags will be placed in the back of the church for Christmas gifts for families in our community through Helping Hands. Please sign the sheet to indicate which number you have taken. Please make sure you place the tag on your gift or clearly mark it and return it by TODAY.

Piano Concert to Benefit Angels for the Elderly by Teresa Broseke: TODAY at 3 pm in the sanctuary. The concert will be live streamed too.

HCC Youth Group: TODAY from 4-6 pm at St. John's for cookie decorating. All youth grade 6-12 welcome.

Live Nativity- Lake of Lights: December 9 from 6-8 pm at the Lake of Lights. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. We are working together with Not By Choice and need to be dressed and in place by 5:30 pm.

Christmas Poinsettias: we will have artificial poinsettias to decorate for Christmas this year. The poinsettias are provided by the church and will remain at the church, but we are asking people to sponsor them with a donation to have your memorials/honors/gifts placed in the bulletin. All proceeds from your donations will go to Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive. Salvation Army keeps 90% of your donations for use in Hardin County to help those in need. Slips will be available as before to complete with your information. We will collect Sponsorship forms until December 15. Any questions, please see Nancy Weaver or the church office.

Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 8 pm

Un-decorate the church: January 7

Wednesday Night Kids Program: Wednesdays from 5-7 pm. Volunteers needed to help with different tasks or with some administrative items.

Seeking part-time Family Minister/Associate Pastor: Job title, responsibilities, and compensation will be partially determined by the education, experience, and training of the candidate. Please contact the church office with questions or interest.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM

Week at a Glance

Today, 12/3:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM Piano Concert 4-6 PM HCC Youth- FH 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 12/5:	1:00 PM First Tuesday – Blanchard Place 6:30 PM Ag Banquet – FH 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 12/6:	5-7 PM Kid's Night 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice
Friday, 12/8:	12:00 PM Prayer – Sanctuary
Saturday, 12/9:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH 6-8 PM Live Nativity- Lake of Lights

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (11/26): 62

Envelopes: 11/19: \$2980 11/26: \$4295

Loose Ones: 11/19: \$5 11/26: \$3

Mission (Celebrate Recovery): 11/19: \$175

11/26: \$230 Total for Month: \$990

Salvation Army Donations: \$300

Ushers:

12/3: Virginia Tice & Nancy Rickenbacher

12/10: Steve & Kae Merold

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.



Christmas Poinsettia Sponsorship

**All proceeds benefit Salvation Army of
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