

Otterbein United Methodist Church
6025 Shepler Church Road SW
Navarre, Ohio 44662

December 8, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent

“Our mission together is to share the ministry of Jesus Christ with all.”

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please pass the registration pad down the row and record your attendance)

***Call to Worship:** *Psalm 25: 7-11* On Screen

***Opening Hymn:** *Lift UP Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle “PEACE” Dave & Missy Callahan

Children’s Chat: What do you think of when you hear someone say Christmas?
Pastor Bill

Morning Prayers... Silent Prayer... Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Debts and Debtors)

Prayer Response: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Tithes and Offering

***Doxology** UMH 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music: *How Great Is Our God” by Chris Tomlin* On Screen

Scripture: *Malachi 3: 1-4*

The Message: Our Journey to Bethlehem, Peace Pastor Bill

***Closing Hymn:** *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238

***Benediction:** May that peace of God, comfort and support you during this
Holy season.

Please be seated as the acolytes pass your pew.

Postlude

The Altar Flowers are in celebration of the 23rd Birthday of
Allyson, Krista & Matthew Diekmann.
Love, Mom & Dad

Giving for of the Life Otterbein Ministries & Attendance

December 1 Att: SS - 37 Worship - 110 General Church Ministries Giving: \$ 11,339.70

Roof Fund We have a Roof Fund for the Sanctuary roof. Our estimate is \$ 65,000 to be raised in three years. The "Roof Thermometer" is in the narthex to show the progress.

Blue Christmas We will be having a Blue Christmas Service today at 3:00 pm. This service is for anyone that has experienced loss of any kind.

Sound Technician Needed We are in need of someone to learn to run the sound board. Please see Michael Medley or text (330) 353-0848. Training will be provided. We are also in need of someone to help with the website.

United Women in Faith UWF invite all Otterbein women to the Combined Thank Offering and Christmas meeting at 1:00 pm, Tuesday, December 10th. See you to help pack baskets for our shut-ins. Cookies, fruit, brownies, etc. are needed.

Christmas Breakfast & Children's Party Next week, December 15th at 8:00 am we will have our annual Christmas Breakfast. At 9:00 am the children will have a visit with Santa, a treat bag and a chance to take pictures. The children's program will be at 10:15 am with worship.

United Women in Faith Serving Banquets The UWF have these scheduled. **Pies and help are needed.** Please sign up on the narthex Blessings Board. The dates are December 9th - 6:30 pm; December 18th - noon; and December 21st at 1:00 pm. Pies and help are needed for each of these. Thanks so much.

Children's Christmas Program The children are preparing for the Christmas Program next Sunday, December 15th. Practice will be the last 15 minutes or so following the Children's Chat during worship. Today is the last practice. The program is next Sunday during worship.

Community Meal The next Community Meal is Tuesday, December 17th, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Menu is Pulled Pork, pasta salad, applesauce, dessert, and beverages.

Kid's Program JAM (Jesus and Me) is held during each Community Meal, families can eat from 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm, then the children, K-grade 6 will go to the classroom wing for an hour.

Sociable Sixties No meetings until March 2025

Name Badges If you would like a name badge, please call church office or Karen Cochran.

2025 Offering Envelopes Please pick up your envelopes in the Narthex. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to use them, please notify Judy Medley or Jill Wilson.

Altar Flowers 2025 The 2025 Altar Flower Chart is posted outside the Fellowship Hall doors. If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please sign up. Some dates are marked off as special Sundays, so please choose another Sunday.

Christmas Cards Let us help deliver your Christmas cards to "*your church loved ones*". The money you save on the postage, or a goodwill offering can be put in the "*postage money box*." This will go to Sanctuary Roof Fund. You can get your Christmas cards at any time.

Lunch after Church The next Lunch after Church is January 19th at 11:30 AM. The menu is boneless chicken breasts, potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, dessert & beverage. The cost is \$10 adult, \$5 6-12. Our entire community is welcome to this fellowship event.

THIS WEEK AT OTTERBEIN

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Church Office Hours: 8:00 am - noon, Monday - Thursday; Closed Friday

www.otterbeinconnection.org

Sunday December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 am Worship - In-person and online

Facebook: Otterbein UMC Navarre YouTube: Otterbein UMC Navarre

Drive-in Worship on 90.1 FM <https://otterbeinconnection.org/live-stream>

3:00 pm Blue Christmas Service

Monday December 9

6:30 pm Banquet in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday December 10

1:00 pm UWF Thank Offering / Christmas Boxes

Wednesday December 11

Thursday December 12

7:00 pm Chancel Choir in Sanctuary`

Friday December 13

Saturday December 14

FH Reserved

Sunday December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Breakfast in FH

9:00 am Visit with Santa

10:15 am Children's Program / Worship - In-person and online (see above)

Prayer Concerns: Justin Hylton, Dave Steenrod, Mary Hultman's brother Bill, Family of George Barrick (Timberlakes), Family of Mable Putt,

Thank You Notes:

Many thanks for Pastor Carl's visit, the many prayers and cards, the calls & texts, and the flowers and food during my recent surgery. I am truly blessed by my church family.

God Bless, Cathy Hostetler

Thank You everyone for all the cards, candy, and well wishes for my birthday. You all made it such a wonderful day, Thank You!! Blessings to everyone, Tammy Eckert

Keep Informed: If you would like to get frequent text reminders, please sign up for the Otterbein Remind. Just text, @otter1963 to 81010. Thanks.

Fairless Food Cupboard In December we collect Homestyle Bakes Complete Meals, pasta and spaghetti sauce for the Fairless Food Cupboard. Monetary donations are also welcome. (Please mark your envelope "Fairless Food")

There are lists of these items near the shopping cart. Please take one when you are shopping, to help remember what is needed.

***Call to Worship:** *Psalm 25: 7-11*

On Screen

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

People: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

Leader: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

People: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

All: For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

***Opening Hymn:** *Lift Up Your heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH 213

Verse 1 Lift up your heads you mighty gates, Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!

Verse 2 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Verse 3 Redeemer, come, with us abide; Our hearts to Thee we open wide;
Let us Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in us reveal.

Verse 4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;
Eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to Thy name!

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Prayer Response: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

Verse 1 Come Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 2 Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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***Doxology**

UMH 95

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.

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Special Music: *How Great Is Our God* by Chris Tomlin

On Screen

Verse 1 The splendor of the King. Clothed in majesty. Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light. And darkness tries to hide. And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus How great is our God! Sing with me, How great is our God!
And all will see, how great, how great is our God!

Verse 2 And age to age He stands..And time is in His hands. Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End. The Godhead three in one. Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

Bridge Name above all names. Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God!

CCLI Song #4348399 Chris Tomlin CCLI License #1362174

Scripture: *Malachi 3: 1-4*

- 1 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.
- 2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.
- 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,
- 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

***Closing Hymn:** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 238

Verse 1 Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Verse 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Chorus

Verse 3 Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Chorus

Verse 4 See Him in a manger laid, Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Chorus

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Blue Christmas Service

Rev. Carl Orphanides

December 8, 2024, 3:00 pm



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Organ prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Carl

*Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64

Lay Leader The Grace of our Lord Jesus, The Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this afternoon.

People: And also with you.

Lay Leader This season piles joy upon us.

People: Yet, we who are here carry more than joy: We carry pain, anxiety, loss, worry and grief.

Lay Leader We come, weary, seeking rest from expectations.

People: We also seek a holy presence to be with us during this season of hope.

All: We come now to worship God. His love never fails us.

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

The Prayer of Approach

Rev. Carl

Prayer Response: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

UMH 79 (vs 1, 2, & 5)

Special Music

Glenn Courtney

Scripture Readings: *Psalms 31:9-10, 86:1-7, 86:11-13*

Lay Leader

*Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

UMH 206 (vs. 1 & 3)

Canticle of Zechariah

UMH 208 with response

Message of Hope: When Hope is Hard to Find

Rev. Carl

Coral Anthem: *On Eagle's Wings*

Chancel Choir

Candle Lighting of Remembering, Love, and Hope

Lay Leader We light one for our grief, one for our courage, one for our memories, and one for our love.

Hymn: *Abide with Me* UMH 700 (v 1)

Lay Leader The first Candle represents our grief. We own the pain of losing loved ones, of dreams that go unfulfilled, of hopes that evaporate in despair.

Hymn: *Abide with Me* UMH 700 (v 2)

Lay Leader The second candle represents our courage. It symbolizes the courage to confront our grief, pain and depression. To comfort each other, to share our feelings honestly and openly for each other. We dare to hope in the midst of our pain.

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***Hymn:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* UMH 213

***Benediction** Rev. Carl

***Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64

Verse 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!

Verse 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Verse 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, In love and purity.

Verse 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, In earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, Blessed Trinity.

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Prayer Response: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

UMH 79 (vs 1, 2, & 5)

Verse 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee; all on earth Thy scepter claim; All in heaven above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain; Everlasting is Thy reign.

Verse 2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Verse 5 Christ, thou art our glorious King, Son of God, enthroned in splendor, but deliverance to bring thou all honors didst surrender, and wast of a virgin born humbly on that blessed morn.

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Psalm 31:9-10

- ⁹ Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.
¹⁰ My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

Psalm 86:1-7

- ¹ Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;
³ have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.
⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.
⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.
⁶ Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.
⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Psalm 86:11-13

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.
¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.
¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

***Hymn:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

UMH 206 (vs. 1 & 3)

Verse 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus 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.

Verse 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Chorus

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Canticle of Zechariah

UMH 208 with response

Rev. Carl

Response: Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater son.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior from the house of David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

to show mercy to our forbears, and to remember the holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship without fear, holy and righteous in the Lord's sight, all the days of our life.

Response: Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater son.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

To give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Response: Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater son.

Lay Leader: We light one for our grief, one for our courage, one for our memories, and one for our love.

Hymn: *Abide with Me*

UMH 700 (v 1)

Verse 1 Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me

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Lay Leader: The first Candle represents our grief. We own the pain of losing loved ones, of dreams that go unfulfilled, of hopes that evaporate in despair.

Hymn: *Abide with Me*

UMH 700 (v 2)

Verse 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not abide with me

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Lay Leader: The second candle represents our courage. It symbolizes the courage to confront our grief, pain and depression. To comfort each other, to share our feelings honestly and openly for each other. We dare to hope in the midst of our pain.

Hymn: *Abide with Me*

UMH 700 (v 3)

Verse 3 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me

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Lay Leader: The third Candle represents our memories. For times, we laughed together, cried together, were angry with each other and over-joyed with each other. We light this candle for the memories of caring and joy we shared together.

Hymn: *Abide with Me*

UMH 700 (v 4)

Verse 4 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me

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Lay Leader: This fourth candle represents our love. The love we have given to each other in sickness and in health. The love that believed in us, encouraged us, and never gave up on us!

Hymn: *Abide with Me*

UMH 700 (v 5)

Verse 5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

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