

Cedar Park First United Methodist Church
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

GREETING

People of God, let us worship God:
In times of crisis and uncertainty,
some hide in fear, dive into activity,
distract themselves with pleasure, or sink into despair.
**Some look for signs of the end
and count who they think will be saved.**

But our hope is in the name of Jesus,
Jewish child of Jewish parents:
healing and teaching, welcoming outcasts,
**crucified by imperial power,
risen from the dead,
and endlessly alive.**

Therefore, let us declare our faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

UMH 196

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

We shall light the Advent candles,
praying that our preparation for Christmas
may help us to look outward in love,
and look forward in hope.
**Living Christ, light of the world,
give us the warmth of your love.**

There are five candles.
We shall light a new candle each Sunday from now until Christmas.
Candles are useful.
They give light and warmth when electricity fails.
Candles are simple, yet ingenious.
They show us the inventiveness of people in the past
and connect us with generations before us.
Candles are special.
In the dark, they give bright light and warm shadows.
Candlelight brings us together as we talk and laugh and listen.
**Living Christ, light of the world,
give us the warmth of your love.**

In Isaiah, chapter 64, a prophet cries out to God:
"O that you would tear open the heavens,
and come down to make your name known.
You have hidden your face from us.
Yet we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand." *(selections from Isa. 64:1-8)*

We light our first candle, as a prayer for our suffering world,
that God, who is often hidden, may be revealed to us and to all.

(Light the first candle)

Living God, come to our world.
**When you hide your face,
help us to trust your promises and wait in hope.**

HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (stanzas 1 and 2) UMH 211

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *"This Is the Day"* UMH 657

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord our God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD "*The Apostles' Creed*"

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Let Us Pray...

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Liberia, Sierra Leone
Central Americans recovering from Hurricanes Eta and Iota
All those affected by the coronavirus

For our family and friends:

Hyacinth Fenty	Andy Carver	Adalid Verastegui
Cilla Gregory	Charley Gray	Sterling and Marilyn Hartman
Grover Williams	Myrl McKellar	Par Keys
Hal Walman (Meg McClintock's friend)		Trevin Packard (Karen's grandson)
Gary Godfrey (Karen Packard's cousin)		David Orr (Martha's brother)
Carol Baxter (Russ Lundstrom's mother)		Pam Packard (Sue Sidney's sister)
Betty Cleveland (Taylor's grandmother)		Sue Beall (Par Keys' sister-in-law)
Bruce Payne (Sheryl McNichol's father)		David Engle (Peter's brother-in-law)
Tarren Kingsley (Glenda Morrison's son-in-law)		Erin Koeppen (Glenda's granddaughter)
Brice Bridges (Sally Johnson's great-grandson)		Neta Sowder (Pat's sister-in-law)
Ruth Sutera (Laurel Fabian's friend)		Gary Thorpe (Suzette's father)
Mark Kavanaugh (Amanda Theriot's brother-in-law)		Kathy Clinch (Pam's sister-in-law)
Sergio Longoria's friend	Jim Jenkins and colleagues	Dr. Radasky and Don Heiman
Connie Kohl (Karen Packard's sister)		and Connie's granddaughter Neva
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams		(Sue Sidney's cousins)
Audrey Blount's roommate	Emma	

Prayers of sympathy:

Jorge Soto and family on the death of his wife Edna
Maryann Mosier and family on the death of her uncle Curt Atkinson
Dewayne Mosier and family on the death of his uncle Wesley Mosier

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE INVITATION

Kaitlyn and James

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Meg McCLintock

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you,
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church by our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

HYMN

"People, Look East"

UMH 202

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SINGING THE SHALOM

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This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, November 29th

- 8:30am In-person Worship in the Memorial Outdoor Sanctuary (sign-up required)
- 9:00am Children's Sunday school class via Zoom
- 10:00am Livestream Worship Service on Facebook
- 11:30am Youth Fellowship Online
- 1:00pm Adult Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount led by Pastor Peter via Zoom

MONDAY, November 30th

- 9:00am Tea Time with Pastor Suzette on Facebook

TUESDAY, December 1st

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10:00am Bible discussion group via Zoom

SUNDAY, December 6th

- 4:00pm Annual Church Conference with Bishop Schnase via Zoom (email Peter to attend)

THURSDAY, December 24th

- 5 and 7pm Christmas Eve Worship Services on Facebook

We're collecting food and other items for Hill Country Community Ministries



Place any of these items in the collection box on the front porch or give to Bob Bowker in the church parking lot 10am Tuesday:

All items are needed - but critical items for the month are marked. (*)

Canned Items

Stew
Tuna*
Chicken
Chili
Soup*
Spaghetti O's
Tomatoes
Tomato Sauce
Spaghetti Sauce
Corn*
Peas*
Mixed Vegetables*
Fruit Cocktail
Pineapple*
Apple Sauce*
Peaches*
Peanut Butter
Jelly*
Orange Juice*
Apple Juice

Dry Items

Dried beans (1 or 2 lb. pkgs. only)*
Spaghetti/Pasta (1 or 2 lb. pkgs. only)*
Cold Cereal*
Hot Cereal*

Personal Care Items

Bar Soap*
Dish Soap*
Toilet Tissue*
Toothpaste*