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We can help!
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Sundays at North

Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11:00 service: Community Room

Childcare During Worship

Provided for infants-4 year olds during both worship services & Sunday School

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

Adult Sunday School

- On Being: Club Room
- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Amazing Grace: Conference Room
- Power & Light: Room 205

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- Kindergarten – 101
- 1st & 2nd Grade – 104
- 3rd Grade – 204
- 4th & 5th Grade – 203

Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008

Music

(Following 11:00am service)

- Joyful Noise: Room 101
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Fall Book

- **December 3:** Advent Festival – 5:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Join us for an all-church celebration of tradition & music with a pitch-in dinner. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come early & enjoy the music of the North's Horns in the Chapel beginning at 4pm.
- **December 3-24 (Sundays):** *Advent in Narnia* Book Study – 9:45am; Led by Becky Wolfe, this unique study of 28 devotions will alternate between Scripture & passages from C.S. Lewis' novel, *The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe*, to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Contact the Hospitality Desk for more information.
- **December 6:** Mid-North Shepherd's Center – 10am: Best Friends (School 87); 11am: Women in the Marines (Carol Mutter)
- **December 8 & 9:** Jubilee Christmas – Grab a tag off the bulletin board by the Parlor, fill a basket with needed items or volunteer for the "Christmas store" which supports families at Coburn Place.
- **December 10:**
 - ELEVATION – 4-6pm, Room 203
 - Youth Progressive Dinner – 4:30-8pm; Sixth graders and older will travel from house to house, enjoying food & fellowship. Turn in your permission form to Cory.
- **December 13:** UMW – Women of Lydia – Pitch-in at Sue Childers' home; contact Sue at donsuechilders@yahoo.com for info.
- **December 14:** UMW – Miriam Circle – Our annual visit to the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon.
- **December 16:** Parents' Day Out – 10am-3pm; A day full of Christmas activities, games, crafts & more. Cost is \$10/child or \$30/family. See Amy for scholarship information. Register at the Hospitality Desk.
- **December 17:** Christmas Story Lab – 6pm; Hear poetry and stories from Mariah Ivey, John Drake and local storytellers & artists responding to the question, "What Does Christmas Mean To You?" A sign-up sheet will be available for all to participate and share their stories (time-permitting)
- **December 20:** North Church Board Meeting – 5:30pm, Parlor
- **December 21:** The Longest Night Service – 5pm; A simple service of silence & song, scripture & prayer will acknowledge the gift of letting go and celebrate the gift of holding fast to hope.
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Worship
 - 11am: One combined morning worship service
 - 5pm: Children & Family Service – Special music by children's choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children & youth (no childcare). Diapers & wipes will be collected to donate to a local charity.
 - 7:30pm: Celebration of Holy Communion – Pastor Darren preaching (no childcare)
 - 10:30pm: Festival of Lessons & Carols – Pastor Darren preaching (no childcare). Prelude music begins at 10:30pm.
- **December 31:** New Year's Eve Service – 11am; There is one combined worship service that renews our commitment to Christ for the New Year



December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE	<i>Veni Emmanuel</i>	J. Schaffner
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Amy Sell
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Psalm 80
Leader: Shepherd of Israel, listen! Wake up your power! Come to save us!		
People: Restore us, God! Make your face shine so that we can be saved!		
*OPENING HYMN #211	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Boston Cahoon (11:00)
FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 64:1-9	Pew Bible, OT, pg. 652
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH		8:30 The Came Family 11:00 The Wever Family

Congregational Refrain

Lift up your eyes and see the light sur-round you;
with ra-diant hope, il-lu-mi-nate the night.
Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heav-en ring,
lift up your eyes and see the ev-er-last-ing light.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Leader: During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of fear,
we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of grief,
we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of wondering,
we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Congregational Refrain (repeat)

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 47

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Practicing Advent: Attentiveness* Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN #202 *People, Look East*

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD Ronnie Bell

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal pg. 12

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Thou the Central Orb* C. Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy luster round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Ronnie Bell

Our communion musical responses are found on the inside back cover of The Faith We Sing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so with your people on earth
and with all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever ...

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The offering collected in the baskets beside the communion table aids in providing emergency financial assistance to our members who are in need.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

#630 *Become to Us the Living Bread*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Darren Cushman Wood

*CLOSING HYMN #202 *People, Look East* v. 4

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. M. Thallander

The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God for His manifold blessings and continued love and for the enduring love of our aunt, Cecelia - from Jutieh Jr. (JJ), Nathanael, Flossy, and Jutieh Lincoln

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Accessibility

- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

Children

We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

This week's worship leaders:

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Spiritual Practice for Advent One:

"Daily Examen"

Mark 1:33

"Beware, keep alert"

The focus of the first week of Advent is *attentiveness* to the presence of God in our lives. Emmanuel means "God with us" and this exercise is known as a "daily examen" to reflect on where and how we have seen God at work in our lives and in the world.

Meditation Exercise:

At the end of each day
this week—

- Step 1: recite or sing verse 1 of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
- Step 2: pause for several moments of silence
- Step 3: review the events of your day
- Step 4: ask yourself, "Where did I see God's hope in my life or in the world?"
- Step 5: recite or sing verse 1 of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"