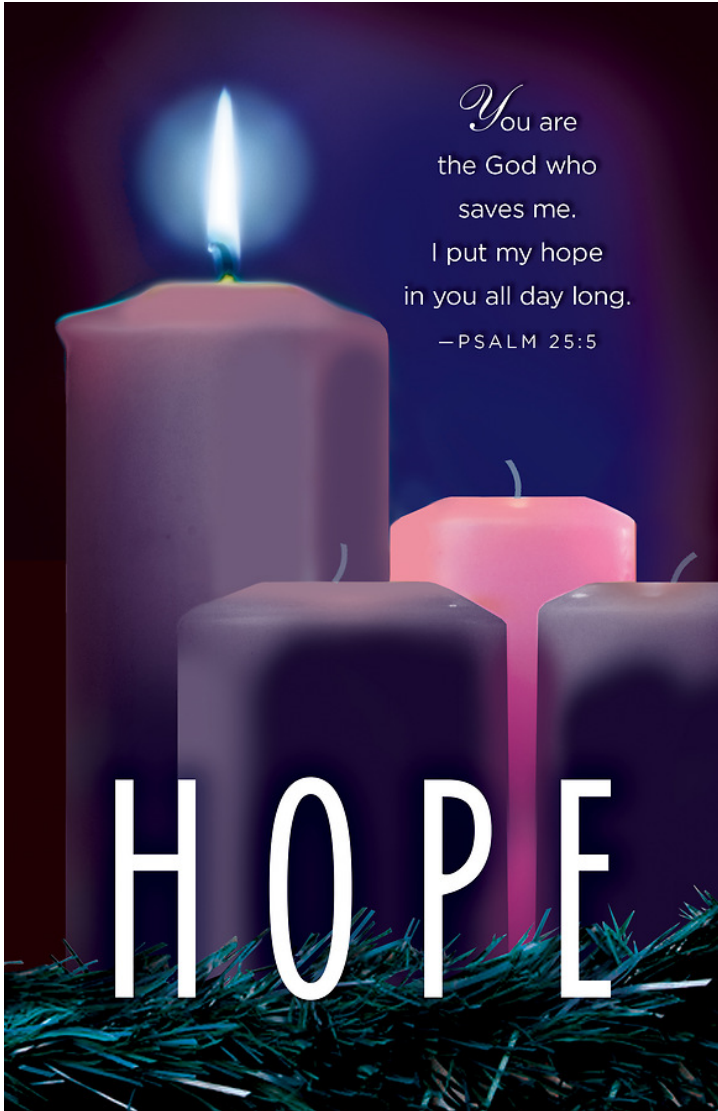


**St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



You are
the God who
saves me.
I put my hope
in you all day long.

—PSALM 25:5

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH
211 EAST CARROL STREET
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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

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

Contemporary Worship Service

8:30 AM

Welcome

Advent Wreath

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Styer Family

L: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah (from **Isaiah 2:1-5**): “In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it...He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” Our hope is in the God who will bring all nations together. As we wait for God's time, in faith we light the candle of Hope. *(A purple candle is lit.)*

C: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Praise

Prayer

Children's Message

Julie Strous

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

Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

(The scripture can be found in the bulletin.)

Sermon

Stand Ready

Praise

Benediction

Traditional Worship Service

10:30 AM

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“TOLLING OF THE BELLS”

(Let us begin to still our hearts and minds for worship with the tolling of the bells.)

Welcome

Prelude

The New Born King

H. T. Smart

Choral Introit

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Handel

***Hymn # 102**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Jo Ann Erwin

L: Leader C: Congregation

Advent Wreath

Lighting the Candle of Hope

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C: Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

L: The candle of hope we light in this hour Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power. We wait for a future, now hidden from view, When Christ in His glory will make all things new.

C: Sung to tune: ***Still, Still, Still***

**Hope, hope, hope--The light of Christ is hope.
In all our darkness Christ is shining,
Leading upward, faith refining.
Hope, hope, hope--The light of Christ is hope.**

***The Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Amber Churchill- Cincinnati, OH

Mission of the Month: Love Inc. of Hardin County

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

Children's Message

Heather Erwin

Hymn # 106

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offertory

Christmas Joy

M. Smith

Please sign and pass the pew attendance pads

*The Doxology

Scripture

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

(The scripture can be found in the bulletin.)

Sermon

Stand Ready

Chancel Choir

Waiting for a King

Martin

***Hymn # 120**

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

***Benediction**

Hope, Hope, Hope

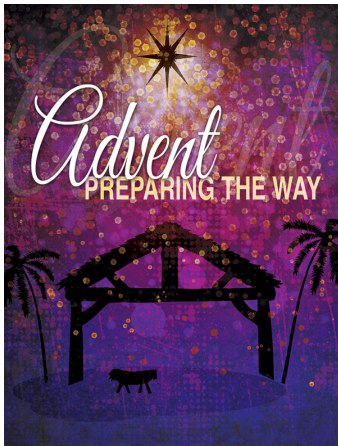
Traditional

Postlude

Joy to the World

G. F. Handel

*—Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John's Church!

Thank you to Jerry Pfister for leading the morning worship services. Communion will be served next Sunday, December 8, when Pastor Randall returns.

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Romans 13:11-14:

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44:

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”



Week at a Glance:

Today 12/1: 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
10:50 AM – 11:30 AM Jr. Church
7:30 PM NA Meeting – Chapel

Monday, 12/2: 4:00 PM Girl Scouts

Tuesday, 12/3: 12:00 PM Prayer
12:00 PM AA – Chapel
6:30 PM Ag Hall of Fame Banquet- FH
6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
6:45 PM Bell Choir – Sanctuary
7:30 PM Myers LG

Wednesday, 12/4: 5:15 -7:15 PM Disciple Me
6:15-7:45 PM Middle School Youth
6:45 PM Children’s Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:45 – 8:15 PM Cantata Practice

Thursday, 12/5: 12:00 PM AA Meeting – Chapel
6:30 PM Tailor Made LG - Chapel

Friday, 12/6: 11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends- Jac & Do’s Kenton
12:00 PM Prayer
5:00 PM NA – Chapel

Saturday, 12/7: 7:30 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast-
McDonalds
12:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
5:00 PM Marmon Valley Farm

**Children’s/Youth Ministry
Volunteer of the Week:
LeVern Weaver**

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Pastor Emergency Contact: Pastor Steve Walter will be covering Pastoral needs while Pastor Randall is away until December 3. Pastor Walter can be reached at 419-674-7924.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Amber Churchill missing since Nov. 12, 2019 from Cincinnati, OH.

Mission of the Month: Love Inc.

Council Nominations: If anyone is interested in running for council, please see Jim Bidwell, Heather Erwin or Kristina VanBuskirk.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders: The youth are selling poinsettias for Christmas. Orders for Red can be made until TODAY. Sizes & Price: 4.5" pot is \$6.00; 6.5" pot is \$12; and an 8.5" pot is \$22. All proceeds benefit the youth group.

Advent Food Tree—Angels for the Elderly: Due to lack of need, instead of a hat and mitten tree this year, the church is collecting food for Angels for the Elderly. The mission committee created suggested donations by week but will take anything at any time and will put under the tree.

Week 1: Proteins (canned meat & peanut butter)

Week 2: Fruits and Vegetable (canned)

Week 3: Pre-made meals (spaghetti, tuna and noodle)

Week 4: Personal care & paper products, laundry detergent

Lake of Lights-Live Nativity: The church is scheduled to be the Live Nativity on Sunday, December 8 from 6-8 PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michele Sherman. The youth program will receive a portion of the proceeds that night. Come out and support them that evening and see a great display of lights!

Community Hymn Sing: The Community Hymn Sing this year is December 8 at 6:30 PM at the Kenton First United Methodist Church.

Cookies Needed for Recovery Court Families: We were asked again to provide cookies for Recovery Court families for Christmas. We need enough cookies for 30 families. Cookies due to church by Sunday, December 22. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Any questions, see Janet or Cheryl.



Outreach-Dry Cookie Mixes or Ready to Bake Donation

Request: We have a huge outreach to Children on Wednesday evenings here at St. John's. You will all be able to read about it in the upcoming December Newsletter. I have come up with an idea in hopes to just extend an open invitation to all of these families and make them feel welcome here at St. John's. I am asking the church for donations of dry cookie mixes or ready to bake cookie dough November 24 – December 15th. There is a box in the back of the Sanctuary you can place donations there. I will check daily to refrigerate anything needed. On Sunday December 15th at 3pm, we will bake the cookies in the church kitchen. There will be sign-up sheets if you would like to help in the back of the Sanctuary when time gets closer. On December 16th and 17th we will go out as a church and pass out plates of cookies to the families of Wednesday night kids K-12th grade along with an invitation inviting them to both services for Christmas Eve.

Salvation Army – Ringing the Bell: December 21 at Kroger's. See Michele Sherman to sign up.

Christmas Adopt-a –Family: St. John's is partnering once again with Helping Hands and Angel Tree Prison Ministry 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 are able, **please wrap your gift.** But please don't let that stop you from participating! If you want to drop off your gifts unwrapped, we will wrap them prior to distributing them. 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.



Christmas Eve Candlelight services: December 24 will include a contemporary style service at 7:00 PM and a traditional style service at 10:00 PM. A special Christmas cantata performance will take place during the 10:00 PM service.



Annual Congregational Meeting: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26 at Noon 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!*



St. John's Custodial/Maintenance Job Available: St. John's is now accepting resumes for the custodial job. If you are interested, please drop off a resume at the church office. Any questions, please contact Kristina VanBuskirk at 419-348-6439.

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



St. John's is the Church of the Month for November, December, & January. Service from the week before will air at 10:30 am on WKTN during these months.

Upcoming Dates – Mark Your Calendars:

*Mark
Your
Calendar!*

Youth Live Nativity- Lake of Lights: December 8 from 6-8 pm

Community Hymn Sing: December 8 at 6:30 pm – First Methodist Church

Chicken & Noodle Fundraiser Luncheon: Dec. 15 from 10:30am – 1pm- FH

Children's Christmas Program: December 15 at 10:30 service

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: December 21 at Kroger's

Mission Team Bake Sale: December 22 in the church lobby

Christmas Eve Services: December 24 at 7 pm and 10 pm

Undecorate the Church: January 12

Sausage Biscuit Gravy & Egg Breakfast: Jan. 19 from 9:30 am-12 pm

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 26 at Noon followed by a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall

Taste of Italy Valentine's Dinner: February 15 at 6 pm – Fellowship hall

Presale tickets only – watch for more information

Garage Sale & Food Truck Event: April 4 from 9 am – 2 pm (\$10/table)

During Advent take time, slow down,
be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery
that looks so common and so ordinary –



Yet is wondrously present.

Chicken Noodle Lunch

**December
15**

10:30 am—1 pm



St. John's Church Fellowship Hall

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All proceeds benefit the
Guatemala Mission Trip



Menu

Chicken and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Green Beans
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Drink

Adults— \$9
Kid's under 9—\$3

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.:

10:30 am:

Envelopes and Loose Offerings:

Loose \$1.00 bills - Good Samaritan Fund:

Total of November (CEF):

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

Golden Buckeye Attendance – 8

Golden Buckeye Offering – \$6

Ushers:

12/1: (8:30) Lonnie & Jennifer Stayman

12/1: (10:30) Carol Wilcox, Nancy Rickenbacher, Jim Bidwell