

If you have a need for an appointment with Rev. David and/or if you know of anyone in a hospital or someone who might need a visit, please do not hesitate to call him at: 1-413-6041 (c) or email him at: dfhurst@verizon.net

Please be sure to place your Christmas Sunday Flower Order with Virginia Ahart no later than Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Altar flowers this morning are given by Virginia Ahart

Week of November 26th - No Meetings Scheduled

Week of December 3rd:

Sunday, December 3rd - First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3rd - Bible Study - 11:15am - Pastor's Office

Sunday, December 3rd - Grace church youth - 12:15pm (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 6th - Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 6th - Heart of The Valley Chorus Rehearsal - 6:30pm
(fellowship hall)

Thursday, December 7th - Card making with Kathy Mantler - Noon
(fellowship hall)

Week of December 10th:

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10th - Bible Study - 11:15am - Pastor's Office

Sunday, December 10th - Grace church youth - 12:15pm (fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 13th - Heart of the Valley Chorus Rehearsal - 6:30pm
(fellowship hall)

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CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Worship Service 10:00am



REV. DAVID F. HURST, PASTOR

Pam Kukucka, Music Director

"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will through Spiritual Growth, Education, Worship and Fellowship. We express our faith through service to others. We welcome all to join us in this journey.

Order of worship

November 26, 2017

(please enter Sanctuary in quiet meditation)

10:00 am

MORNING MEDITATION

“If a person carries their cross beautifully and makes it radiant with the glory of a meek and gentle spirit, the time will come, when the things that now disturb, will be events for which they will most of all give gratitude to God.” Anonymous

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Art Cooper

***CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the depths of our beings, let a song of thanks arise and let us praise God in thanksgiving.

People: Thank you for the bread that energizes our bodies.

Leader: Thank you for the hope that enlarges our vision and pulls us through the difficult times.

People: Thank you for your love that links us all together

Leader: Thank you for the laughter that softens our suffering. Thank you for compassion which creates our possibilities.

People: Thank you for this church and this community. Together we face our fear and our loneliness. Through the gifts of God we find peace and serenity.

***OPENING HYMN " O Worship the King "

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INVOCATION

Art Cooper

Leader: O dear Lord, you are my refuge and my strength. Come into our hearts this morning that we might be assured of your love and grace.

People: Awaken in us, O Divine Power, the courage to discover ourselves and to broaden our horizons. Give us the desire to make our wishes known and to see how we fit into this world of trial and challenge.

Leader: Lift up our hearts and fill us with joy, so we can respond with praise, with love and with affirmation of those around us.

People: Lord instill in us the good sense to be friendly to others. Open our hearts to do what is right. Give us the courage to show up for life so that we may be part of your Kingdom.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [in unison]

Rev. David F. Hurst

Gentle and loving God, we acknowledge to you, to one another and to ourselves, our need for forgiveness. We confess our fears, our lack of trust, and our inability to make the hard choices that real love requires. Help us to quickly admit when we are wrong and make amends where possible. Look upon us with kindness, O God. Rule our hearts. Renew our faith by showing us how to walk with you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, God will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all transgressions.

People: Thanks be to God

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 100 (Red Hymnal pg. 821)

Carolyn Burrows

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer

***Response "Glory Be to the Father"

" Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen"

Scripture Reading

First Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 (chair Bible NT pg. 192)

Carolyn Burrows

***Hymn of Preparation: "My Jesus I Love Thee"

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Second Lesson Matthew 25: 31-46 (chair Bible NT pg. 28-29)

Rev. David F. Hurst

Sermon Christ is King

Ministry of Giving

***Doxology

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of Dedication

***PARTING HYMN: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

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(please be seated at conclusion of hymn)

BENEDICTION

Leader: Leap for joy! Work for the common good! Be filled with Spirit of the Season

People: Stand fast in hope! Give thanks!

All: Love one another!

POSTLUDE

(*** indicates to stand if able)