

Announcements

We are in need of people to light the Advent Wreath on each of the four Sundays of Advent beginning on November, 29th. The readings will be provided each week by Pastor Brain.

Our congregation is invited to the Presbyterian Women's "Cookie & Candy Walk with Coffee Corner" on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is at Union Presbyterian Church, Lost Nation.

We will be having a display of Nativity Sets at the church during the Festival of Lights on December 6th. If you have a set you would like to display, bring it to the church on that evening or before. Signs will be up at the school inviting people to come and view the display.

The two churches have been challenged by a \$100 matching donation between now and December 6th

Elwood UMW – Wednesday, December 9th 1:30pm at Lola Cain's.

The District Superintendent will be presiding over a special called Charge Conference on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00pm at Elwood UMC for the purpose of discussing future pastoral arrangements. All who are members of Delmar UMC or Elwood UMC are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those who attend are considered a quorum and their decisions are binding. Voting in absentia or by proxy is not allowed. This notice is required by *Discipline*.

Elwood United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29th 2009



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Welcome & Announcements:

Lighting of the Advent Candles

***Scripture Reading:** **Isaiah 60:2-3**

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

P: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***Opening Hymn:** **#2090**

“Light the Advent Candle” (Verse 1)

***Opening Prayer:**

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Children’s Time: **Jerry LaFrenz**

Sermon: **Jerry LaFrenz**

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***Hymn of Response:** **#203**

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

Prayers of the People – Silent Prayer:

Offer a prayer or praise as you feel led. When you are finished, say, “In Jesus' name.” and the congregation will respond, “Amen.”

Pastoral Prayer:

Prayer of Response:

Almighty God, we confess that we live in a world in need of a Savior. This Advent, as we prepare ourselves to celebrate again the coming of Jesus as the Baby of Bethlehem, help us, O God, to also prepare for his coming again at the end of days, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace:

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

L: Peace be with you. **P: And, also with you.**

Offering:

L: God is good. **P: All the time.**

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As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offertory Music

***Doxology:** **#95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Offertory Prayer:**

The Lord’s Prayer: (Trespases) #895

***Closing Hymn:** **#196**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***Benediction:**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord... And, may the blessings of God Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**