

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ◆ 12/10: Youth Christmas Play (10:30) Taste of First (4:00)
- ◆ 12/12: ELC Christmas Program (5:30), Circle of Hope Christmas Party (7:00)
- ◆ 12/13: Children & Youth Christmas Parties (5:30)
- ◆ 12/16: Food Pantry & Clare's Closet (10:00)
- ◆ 12/17: Choir Christmas Cantata (10:30)
- ◆ 12/24: Christmas Eve Worship (7:00)

The Taste of First is this afternoon at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome to attend even if you aren't hosting a table.

The Circle of Hope Christmas Party, with dinner and an ornament exchange, will be Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of December, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are instant potatoes, canned yams, turkey gravy mix, boxed stuffing mix, and other holiday foods. In addition, the food pantry can always use canned meat & canned fruit. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Finley Cook

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Gina Billings
Bob & Carla Brown
Catherine Cartus
Karl Cavanary
Penny Cole
Family of Dr. Jerry Cole
Drew Cradic
John & Michelle Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Eddie Deakins
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Tom Eorgan
Cecilia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Pam Hagen
Nora & Tony Haynes
Cindy Holmes
Molly Huff
Scott Huff
Keith & Jean Jones
Joyce Josie
Deni Kiehl
Tammy Kosa
Linda Kostreva
Karen Martin
Bonnie Marrs
Bob & Wanda May
Dan McGuire
Kent & Midge Merrill
Jim & CarolAnne Milliken
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Bonnie Sampson
Bobby Seay
Bill Spence
John & Susan Trotter
Anna Grace West
Family of Janice Williams
Manna House



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude "Away in a Manger" Arr. Diane Bish

First Things First

Lighting of the Advent Candle Marc & Bree Rhea, Avery, Ellie, & Drew Nelson

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" #3047

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Merciful God, open our hearts to receive Your words of hope and peace, for we are tired and overwhelmed by the pressures of the world.

People: Forgive us when worries, fears, and doubts invade our lives and we forget that You are our God and that You hold us in Your mighty hands.

Leader: It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony.

People: Forgive us when we become part of that crowd, wallowing in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed.

