

Oregon Community United Methodist Church

November 27, 2022 at 10:30 AM – 1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME: We gather in this Advent Season to remember the Alpha & Omega—God who has always been and always will be. The Creator, Son and Holy Spirit have worked together throughout time to create, bless, and redeem the universe. We prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus to gather His people home. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry. We are so glad you are here – and pray you find what you came looking for!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we can come into Your house today and worship You with those who love You, too. Thank you for inspiring and leading Your people to establish Your house here in this place.

We pray that all who worship here might experience Your love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

We pray for Your people all the world over, and we pray that they might prosper along with us as we serve you and others.

May everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior find and experience peace with God, others, and themselves.

Through your only begotten Son, we pray, “Our Father. . .”

Written by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. (© 2007), and posted on A Psalm and a Prayer.

<https://www.ouosu.com/APsalmandAPrayer/psalm122.htm>

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Jolly Family

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 122

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

OUR OFFERINGS OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Up to Restoration

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

There's Something About That Name

UMH #171

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

** You are invited to stand*

OCUMC Pianist: Jody Wiker

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski **Ministers:** The People of God

Liturgists: Nov. 6 Dot Lange; 13 Christie Jolly; 20 Mike Shifflet; 27 Ralph Stone

BIRTHDAYS: Nov. 6 Dean Cooper; 13 James Garner; 20 Pastor Jason

PRAYER REQUESTS: Josh Zimmerman (Jackie's grandson)—healing after a car accident; Shirley Gehr – healing after a fall; Bible2School Program for 2nd-4th graders; Roberta Stone; Donald Stone; Nicole Wise—upcoming surgery; Lee Manifold, Marcia's father--health; Doris Cooper, health; Joetta's sister; Kuzmenko family; Maria, Angela and all foster children; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Garner family; Pat Dietz; Bob Rinier; Joanne Steinmetz (Jackie's sister), health; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; Dot's oldest son Jerry, Myeloma; Roseanne, cancer; Sandy Baird's father, Dick; those with cancer; Fred Hess; Campus Ministries; Bishop John Schol & Staff; District Superintendent Jenny Freymoyer & Pastors; The UMC and General Conference Delegates, new Bishops, God's will regarding human sexuality & evangelism to new disciples of Jesus; and newly elected political leaders **PRAISES:** God's presence and healings; Babies born into our extended church family; Pastoral Ministry of Ian Solodky & Shannon Weaver; **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** Victims of gun violence; The UMC and disaffiliations; Ukraine; Veterans & Service members; leaders; police & medical personnel; the sick and their caregivers; victims of violence & racism; peace, wisdom & reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; all affected by disasters; refugees & immigrants; the hungry & homeless; prisoners; students, teachers & administration; those struggling with addictions or mental illness; seniors; those grieving loved ones; our ministries; our community; & COVID.

IN NEED OF HELP: Contact Pastor Jason, or dial 2-1-1 (or visit www.211.org) to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. **The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or 9-8-8.**

OFFERINGS: You can direct gifts to the **General Ministry, Building, or Benevolence Funds.** You can mail a check to **OCUMC** or via our website. The General Budget is behind. **Consider if you can help.** **UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT** can be sent via: <https://umcmmission.org> or thru OCUMC marked “For Ukraine”

POWER INTERFAITH LANCASTER COUNTY is working on justice issues in our community—inc. fair funding for public schools, prison & bail reform, positive police & community interactions, a healthier environment, economic justice, etc. **Pastor Jason has been working on this for 6 years and would like to see OCUMC engage in this work begin a local UMC Church and Society Team.** Contact Pastor Jason or <https://powerinterfaith.org>

ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA on Saturday December 10th from 8:00 to 10:30 AM. Breakfast will include pancakes and sausages with various toppings. Gluten free option available! Santa will be there to greet all the kids and pose for photos before his busiest night of the year! Breakfast is by donation. While you're here, choose your own cookies from our huge selection of holiday favorites and maybe try something new! Cost per container is \$16.50. *Volunteers needed – contact Lisa Baker (717-615-6707).*

THE LANCASTER AARP CHORUS PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT FAITH UMC on Friday, December 16th at 2:00 PM. They will be performing both sacred and secular holiday music. This concert is open to the public with admissions being a free-will offering. Please call ahead to reserve a seat (717-560-0321). Light refreshments will be served after the concert.

BIBLE2SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in working with Pastor Jason and other volunteers to teach the Bible2School students from Reidenbaugh Elementary School on Tue and Wed please contact Pastor.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: This musical service will be **shared on Sun, Dec. 18** at Faith UMC (9AM) & Long Memorial UMC (11AM). *There will NOT be a service at Oregon Community UMC that day.*