

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the attendance sheet in the pad and add today's date at the top, then pass it down your row. If you are a guest, we invite you to include your address. *Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the service.*

PRELUDE "Gliding" Jackson Gregory  
"Merrily We Roll Along" Emmi Gregory  
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

## OFFERING OUR WORSHIP

Luke 1:46-50

L: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
**P: for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.**  
L: From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.  
**P: His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation."**

OPENING PRAYER  
ADVENT READING Ricky Sammartino and Youth Group  
SPECIAL MUSIC "Carol of the Bells" Tom Wills  
(Children may go to Kingdom Kids at this time)  
OFFERTORY "The First Noel" Lenora Erkfits  
"Away in a Manger" Nick Nagel

OFFERING  
\*THE DOXOLOGY No.95 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN No. 219 "What Child is This"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38  
SERMON "Why Mary" Pastor Chris Bell  
\*HYMN NO. 238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
COMMUNION  
\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD  
\*BENEDICTION  
\*POSTLUDE

### Prayer List

- Dennis Atkeson
- Aiden Bell (The Bell's great-grandson)
- Mary Jane Bisel (Claudette Smith cousin)
- Pam Boals
- Gary Bradrick
- Wanda Butler (Avalon Evans's sister)
- Shirley DeWitt
- Thelma Duffner
- Faye English (friend of Reta Kirsh)
- Ruth Hatfield
- Zayden Jones
- Jane Lawrence
- Marilyn Metcalfe
- Carl Mowry (Roger Mowry's brother)
- Bob Rohl (friend of Garver)
- Mike Schreck (friend of Buzz Rupe)
- Rick Turpin
- Kathy Taylor
- Amy (Joe & Connie Stuckert's daughter)

### This Week at Ontario UMC...

Today	9:15 am.....	Adult SS
	10:15 am .....	Worship followed by fellowship time
	2:00 pm.....	Recital in Sanctuary
	6:00 pm.....	Youth Group
Mon., 12/9	1:00 pm.....	Staff Christmas Party
Tues., 12/10	Noon.....	Retired Pastor's Lunch
Wed., 12/11	7:00 pm.....	Choir
Thurs. 12/12	9:00 am.....	Quilting Group
Sun., 12/15	9:15 am.....	Adult S.S.
	10:15 am....	Worship followed by fellowship time
	3:00 pm.....	Messiah at Galion

### ~~ WELCOME, VISITORS ~~

A warm OUMC greeting to all our visitors!  
Please visit the Welcome Center for a small gift, and join us in Giffin Hall after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

**Write prayer joys, concerns and announcements** in the Welcome Center pad to be shared during worship.

**Hearing devices and large-print bulletins and** hymnals are available at the Ushers Table.

**Children's Worship Activity Bags** are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the rack after the service.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Gloria Loughman in honor of her family.

**Welcome! "The kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 3:2) , so let us Repent - turn our lives around—and prepare for the Lord's coming.**

- The Galion Community Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Felicia Friebel, with harpsichordist Patty Neff will be presenting the Messiah next December 15, 2019 at 3 pm at First United Church of Christ, 248 Harding Way West in Galion, Ohio.
- **Poinsettia order forms are on the usher's table. Please have money and order form in church office no later than December 12, 2019. Thank you.**
- This afternoon at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary, the piano students of Millie Keith and Bernice Holeman will be presenting their piano recital. Please plan to come and hear the beautiful music the students perform.
- Southside Christian Church will be having an open house of Nativity Sets on Sundays in December. Please see the bulletin board for more information.
- There is going to be a slight change in how you receive your giving envelopes at our church. No longer will you receive monthly envelopes starting January 1, 2020. Instead we had envelopes printed and will be available for pickup at the welcome table. If you are unable to pick them up, please call the church office and they will be mailed.
- Today Pastor Chris and Jill Demarco are hosting the fellowship table in appreciation of the congregation for Pastor Chris and in celebration of Thurley Bittenbender's 99th birthday. Please stop in Giffin Hall after the service for this wonderful fellowship.
- On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, there will be a Bible Study called "The Epic of Eden, Understanding the Old Testament" by Sandra L. Richter. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome center. You can order your own book. If you have trouble finding a place to order, contact the church office and we will help you order a book.
- Newsletter items need to be in church office Monday, December 16th. Thank you.
- Again this year, there is a place in Giffin Hall for you to leave Christmas cards for members attending services. Cards will not be mailed. After January 7th, cards will be disposed of.

*As John the Baptist urged people to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Matthew 3:3), help us to prepare our heart for Jesus' coming.*

**Last Week~~~**

Worship Attendance	113
Current Expense Giving	\$5,019.00
Special Funds	115.00
Building Fund	2,985.00
R & R	115.00

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**Serving Today~~**

Liturgist: Connie Smith

Music Director: Bob Wagenhals

Organist: Millie Keith

Greeters:

Accompanist: Bernice Holeman

Sound Board:

Power Point: Sue Wills, John Grove

Usher: Ralph Beer, Bruce Boyce, Nolan Bunker

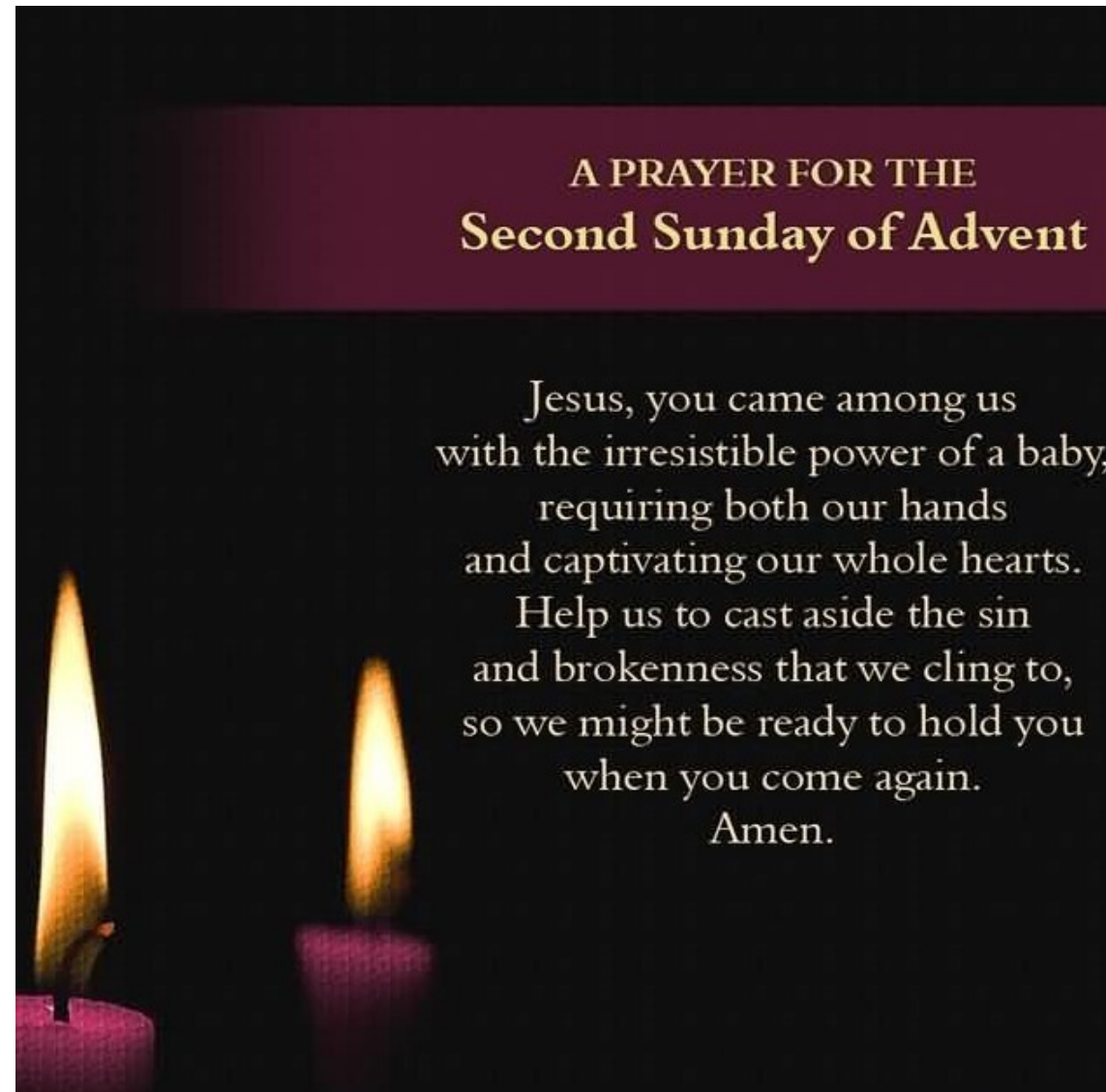
Table Hosts: Pastor Chris Bell, Jill DeMarco

Kingdom Kids:

Acolyte: Aiden Metcalfe

**A PRAYER FOR THE  
Second Sunday of Advent**

Jesus, you came among us  
with the irresistible power of a baby,  
requiring both our hands  
and captivating our whole hearts.  
Help us to cast aside the sin  
and brokenness that we cling to,  
so we might be ready to hold you  
when you come again.  
Amen.



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