

First Sunday of Advent ... HOPE

December 3, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATHRoy and Carol Myers

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “His Name Is Called Emmanuel” 119

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Daniel 3:1, 8-18*..... Molly Abbott

King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?” ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

HYMN ... “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” 83

CHILDREN’S MESSAGEBrandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Pastor and Congregation

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Go Tell It on the Mountain” 143

OFFERTORY PRAYERUsher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Daniel 3:19-30*..... Molly Abbott

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, ²⁰and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics,^[a] their trousers,^[a] their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ²²Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. ²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” ²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics^[a] were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. ²⁸Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” ³⁰Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

ANTHEM ... “Heartbeat of Hope’ Choir

SERMON..... Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “Child in the Manger”...vs. 1 and 3..... 112

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

12:00 noon Leave for Lunch and movie ... *STAR*
5:00 p.m. Play Practice for *Keepsake Christmas*
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m **Supper ... PIZZA ... please bring desserts**
6:30 p.m Bible Study and Children and Youth Programs

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m..... Advent Study Group meets in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m..... **YARD SALE!** (*Proceeds go for Belize Mission Trip*)

NEXT SUNDAY

12:00 noon Youth ... lunch and shopping for Foster Children
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

USHERS

TODAY..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAYAngel and Courtney R.
NEXT SUNDAY...Betty G. and Sylvia Mc.

NURSERY

TODAYBarbara B and Kiara M.
NEXT SUNDAY..... Chris and Barbie B.

If you would like to sponsor a Foster Child for Christmas, please take information from the bulletin board at front of church. If you would like to make a donation, our youth will be glad to shop for you next Sunday. We need to have our gifts ready by December 11th.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,438.00 Monthly budget needs\$10,567.00
Last week's offering.....\$3,329.00 November offering.....\$8,664.00

Church family:

Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Sarah Jo Wall, Florence Cagle, Karen Dailey

At Home: Helen Greene, Irene Warner

Friends and Relatives of:

Molly/Wayne Abbott

	Monnie Jenkins	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister
	Tammy Laprade	sister
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend
Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter
Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
	Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
	Mildred Hunsucker	friend

Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
	Bob Moore	nephew
	Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Jennifer Denning	Katie's friend
Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Beth Holt	friend
	Misty Morgan	friend.
Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Melissa Green	daughter
Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
	Doris Hinson	friend

Service Personnel:

Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart