

1st Sunday After Advent

White (symbolizing Life)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

11:00 am Worship Service

December 31, 2017

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Nathan Woods

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

People: Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

People: Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, joy!

All: Now we again sing the joyous carols of Christmas and witness to our Savior's birth.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Invocation

This wonderful day, O Lord, is our opportunity to acknowledge your loving gift to us in Christ our Savior. Therefore, we come humbly and joyfully into your presence to express our unrestrained thankfulness and our words of love for the greatest blessing we have ever received. With eternal gratitude, we pray in your Son's blessed name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2167

"More Like You"

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying, "God, to your love..."

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."

Then the people shall respond each time by saying:

"...we trust this prayer."

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission)

To our first time visitors: As the offering plate is passed, please understand that your presence is the only gift we ask. If you would join us again next Sunday, that would be appreciated even more!

*Doxology

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm 148 *(sing response 861 UMH)*

Galatians 4:4-7

*Luke 2:22-40

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Hymn Sing

Rev. Tim McConville

*Hymn of Discipleship

UMH #245

"The First Noel"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

Scriptures for next Sunday, January 7th

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29 (UMC 761)

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11