

December 12, 2025

From the Pastor

We continue our advent journey this week by with a creative interpretation of this week's theme. Our theme for advent and Christmas this year is *What do you fear? Insisting on Hope This Advent*. We are using devotions and resources from [A Sanctified Art](#).

This week's theme is *Even in Our Fear, We are Called Forward*. We will light the joy candle leading us forward as we include some thematic liturgy and welcome a joy-filled troupe of worship leaders to bring us the message in the flesh. Sunday's weather may be frigid, but UPC will be toasty in body and spirit.

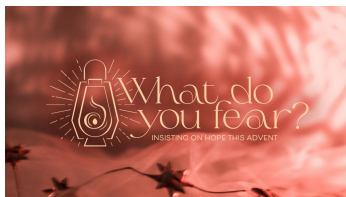
In preparation for worship, take a deep breath. Pray for fresh perspective to hear the incarnation story anew. Open your soul to holy joy that leads to overwhelming gratitude, hope and peace.

Click [here](#) for the worship bulletin. Worship is streamed on the [UPC website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Peace, Pastor Lisa

PS

Show Up is an original song written for this Advent series by Britt Kusserow. Click [here](#) for the video which includes lyrics. The piece will be the offertory this week. Feel free to sing along.



Advent Devotionals

What do you fear?: Insisting on Hope this Advent is our theme this advent. a sanctified art is the publisher of many of our advent resources including the adult devotional, a daily breath prayer exercise, and a coloring craft devotional for children of most ages.

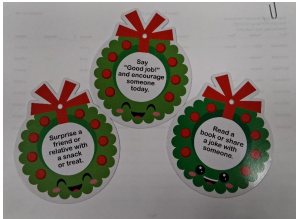
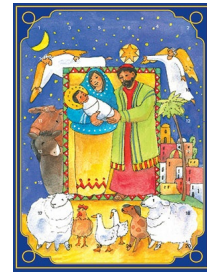
- The adult devotional is available in printed format in the narthex and a digital format. Contact the [church office](#) if you'd like the hard copy mailed to you or the PDF copy emailed to you.

- The daily breath prayer will also be posted in [UPC's Facebook group](#) and [UPC's Facebook page](#).

- The coloring craft devotional is available in the narthex. Contact the [church office](#) if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Other devotionals include:

- A daily devotional for children and families with a window to open each day;



- A devotional with an ornament to make for each day that includes an advent activity.

Both of these devotionals are available in the narthex. Contact the church office if you would like one of these mailed to you.

If you are interested in a daily online devotion, check out www.d365.org. The site is sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, PC-USA, and Episcopal Church in America. While aimed particularly at youth & young adults, the site provides a powerful experience of scripture, meditation, music, and prayer for ALL ages. d365 is also an app.

Angel Tree for Gallatin County CAC

The Angel Tree is up in the narthex. All of the angels have been claimed. Remember, you are not expected to purchase every thing on the list. Please label all packages with the angel's name and number and check the appropriate box when its gifts are returned.



UNWRAPPED gifts are due by Sunday, December 14th.

If you'd like to deliver gifts to Gallatin County on Tuesday, December 16th, sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#).



LAST CALL Christmas Eve Poinsettias

Help beautify the sanctuary on Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone or to the glory of God. You may purchase these beautiful flowers by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex, by clicking [here](#) or by emailing the church office. Poinsettias cost \$15 each and can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. A dedication page will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The proceeds help support conferences and retreats

**Community Christmas ~ Sunday, December 14th at 6pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Stake Center
144 Buttermilk Pike, Lakeside Park, KY**

Enjoy a casual evening of worship filled with congregational singing, scriptural reflections, and musical offerings from various congregations as well as the chance to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from various denominations. In this holy season, what better way can we witness to our unity in Christ than by worshiping the Lord together? Want to carpool? Sign up in the narthex or click [here](#) to sign up online.

**Longest Night Worship
Saturday, December 20 @ 7pm**

December 21 is the longest night of the year and reminds us that this festive season isn't joyful for everyone. This special worship service is for people who are grieving this holiday season and feel the weight of the darkness not just on the "longest night". Loss of loved ones, of relationships, of jobs, of health, or of many other things can quell our joy during this time of anticipation and celebration. This service will give space for people to acknowledge those feelings while also hearing God's word of hope and healing for all of us. We will also have a time of lighting candles of remembrance for those who have joined "the great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). We hope you will share the information about this service with anyone who would be blessed by it.



**Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 28th 10am**

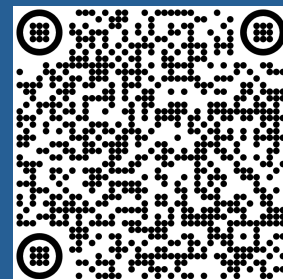
Our worship on the first Sunday after Christmas is a service of lessons and carols filled with song and some readings. If you have a favorite Christmas carol you'd like to sing that morning and/or if you are willing to serve as a reader, please sign up in the narthex or on the [website](#).

Schedule for This Week

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 14th
9:30am Choir Warm Up
10am Worship w/ Pageant



BIRTHDAYS



After worship

12/17 - Drusie Miller

Pageant Cast Party
2026 Budget Q&A
No Sunday School

6pm Community Christmas
Service @ LDS Stakehouse on
Buttermilk Pike

Monday, December 15th

9am Yoga
6:30pm Session
7pm Boy Scouts Troop 805

Tuesday, December 16th

6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 3805

Wednesday, December 17th

9am Yoga
6:30pm Choir
Girl Scouts 2830
8pm AA

Friday, December 19th

9am Yoga
6pm Girl Scouts 2146

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 21st

9:30am Choir Warm Up
10am Worship

After worship
Adult Sunday School

12/19 - Callan Lintelman
12/20 - Karen Kemp,
Becky Melchior
12/21 - Sharen Frost
12/25 - Holly Hillman
12/29 - Susie Claflin
12/31 - Alejandro
Rosario, Rob Wilcox
1/7 - Koben Beasley,
Henry Springer
1/8 - Dan Kieffer
1/12 - George Kieffer



ANNIVERSARIES

12/19 - Kevin & Bethany
Brewer Ball
1/12 - Javier Sabogal &
Roxana Rosario
1/14 - Joe & Pat Knipper

Online Giving

You may give online or via
text through the UPC
website. You can make a
one time gift or set up a
recurring gift. You may make
a memorial or honorary gift
and even pay for youth
conferences. The online
transaction processes the
gift from your checking
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credit card or debit card and
is secured through Global
Payment Services which
integrates with Servant
Keeper, our membership
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