



*Fostering generations of Christ's disciples  
for the transformation of the world.*

**2nd Sunday in Advent, December 9, 2018  
9:00 am Worship**

**Preparation for Worship**

Good morning! Please greet those seated around you. When we hear the first notes of the piano, organ or guitars, let's lower our voices to a whisper and prepare our hearts for worship. Please pray for our musicians and worship leaders, that God will inspire them as they lead us. Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

**PRELUDE** "Emmanuel Comes" (arr. M. Hayes) Margo Cox  
"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" (arr. M. Hayes)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Tom McDermott

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Jr. UMY

**\* OPENING SONGS** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

**OPENING PRAYER**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", vs. 1,2, 6& 7 UMH 211  
Please remain seated

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**PRESENTATION OF "A MOUSE'S TALE"**

We hope you enjoy this delightful Christmas pageant by the children and teens of the church. Learn about Christ's birth through the eyes of the stable animals. The Mouse's Tale is the Christmas story, narrated by Grandpa Mouse, and told by the animals in the stable Christmas night. Meet the animals...the donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem, the cow who gave up his manger for baby Jesus' bed, the sheep who saw the angels on the hilltop, and the camels who were guided by a bright star in the East...as they witnessed the miracle of Jesus' birth.

**We invite you to join us in singing the following Hymns:**

"Angels We Have Heard on High", vs. 1 & 2 UMH 238

"What Child Is This, vs. 1 & 3 UMH 219

"O Come All Ye Faithful", vs. 1, 3 & 6 UMH 234

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"  
Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true, Know He will guide you in all you do. Amen, amen, amen.

**POSTLUDE** "Ukrainian Bell Carol" (M. Leontovich) Margo Cox

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**Today, December 9th**

Children's Christmas Pageant (S)..... 9 am & 10:30 am  
Holly Daze Encore (SWR) .....After each service

**Monday, December 10th**

Caregiver Support Group (L) .....10:30 am  
Boy Scouts (IP) ..... 7 pm

**Tuesday, December 11th**

Red Cross Blood Drive (IP) .....8 am – 4:30 pm  
First Praise (SWR) ..... 5:30 pm  
Advent Cornerstone Dinner (IP)..... 6 pm  
Advent Cornerstone (Apple Crisp making)..... 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 12th**

Piecemakers (3rd Gr Rm)) .....10 am  
Bible Study with Pastor Jerry (CR) .....11 am  
Choir Practice (S)..... 6:15 pm  
SPMT (CR) ..... 6:30 pm  
Christmas Cantata Practice (S) ..... 7 pm  
Praise Band Practice (S) ..... 7:45 pm

**Thursday, December 13th**

Soul Soup Dinner (IP) ..... 5 pm  
Facilities Ministry Meeting (SWR) ..... 6:30 pm  
Handbell Choir (S) ..... 6:30 pm  
Joy Fellowship ..... 7 pm

**Friday, December 14th**

Family Gingerbread House Decorating (IP) ..... 5:30 pm

**Saturday, December 15th**

Saturday Night Life (YC)..... 6 pm  
NA Event Meeting (SWR) ..... 6 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous (SWR)..... 6:30 pm

**Sunday, December 16th**

Early Worship (S) .....9 am  
Christmas Cantata (S) .....10:30 am  
Funday (4th & 5th Gr Rm) ..... Noon

**Those Serving God With Us Today:**

**Ushers** Dave & Doris Brown and Steve and Linda Tucker

**Coffee Hour** Dave and Mona Miller

**Liturgist** Tom McDermott

**Altar Decor** Kathy Meline

**Greeters** Kirk Higginson

**Attendance Report – December 2nd**

9 am Worship	83
10:30 am Worship	105
Sunday School	59
Activity Time	6
Jr UMY	9
Sr UMY	14
Funday	8

**Welcome!** Please sign the **Ritual of Friendship** in the black folder of your pew. Please do not keep pens in the folders. Include your address and phone number so we may send you a "church information brochure". **Name tags** are also available in the pew racks.

A **nursery** is provided downstairs during worship. An usher can direct you.

**Hearing devices** are available for use during the service. Ask an usher to assist you.

**Prayer cards**, available in the pew racks, may be given to the pastor, an usher or placed in the offering plate. Requests may also be emailed to us at prayers@kennewickfirst.com.

Look for recently requested **offering envelopes** in the back of the sanctuary.

**New or replacement name tags** are now located in the New Entry on the large bulletin board behind the Welcome Center.

**"Upper Room" Devotionals** for the months of **November/December** are in the book rack at the back of the sanctuary. Donations are gladly accepted.

The **Tri-Cities Food Bank** is grateful for all our donations. Those items may be placed in the grocery cart near the elevator. Please leave only foods that are safety-sealed in their original packaging. They are no longer accepting egg cartons.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Friday, December 14: Family Gingerbread House Decorating, 6:30 pm**

**Saturday, December 15: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel**

**Sunday, December 16: Early Service 9 am,  
Christmas Cantata, 10:30 am service**

**Wednesday, December 19: Longest Night Service, 7 pm**

**Monday, December 24: 4 pm family service and 7 pm Communion**

**Sunday, December 30: One worship service at 10 am**

**Saturday, January 5: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel**

**Our Staff at Kennewick First**

Pastor ..... Jerry Poole  
Lay Leader ..... Jill Berg  
Director of Youth Ministry ..... Rachel Loomis  
Office Manager ..... Cheryl Nixon  
Congregational Care and Outreach Assistant ..... Cynthia Bement  
Custodian ..... Andrew Tillman  
Bookkeeper ..... Sharon Varzandeh  
Financial Secretary ..... Ruth Anderson  
Music Director ..... Amberley Almarode  
Sound Technician ..... Chuck Smith  
Accompanist ..... Margo Cox  
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Merrienne Door  
Sunday Childcare Provider ..... Emma Glazier

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This week we pray for Pateros UMC and Pastor Dick Curtis.  
We also pray for our sister church M.C.K in  
Njukinjiru, Kenya.

## Announcements

### **TODAY - CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**

Today our children will present "A Mouse's Tale" at both services. Discover the story of Christ's birth through the eyes of the stable animals. A cookie reception will follow each service. **Thanks to all our pageant participants and helpers for your hard work and dedication. Great Job!!**

### **TODAY - Holly Daze Encore**

Hurray! There will be a second chance to get ready for the Yuletide season at the Holly Daze Encore, Bakery and Rada Cutlery sales held just for our church and those attending the beautiful Christmas pageant Christmas **TODAY**. The Encore will be held after each Christmas pageant service in the Overflow Room.

### **All Church Advent Cornerstone Night!**

Please plan on attending and making memories with our church family in the experiential Advent activities focused on serving! The next two Tuesdays in December, following dinner at 6:00 pm, we will gather together until approximately 7:30 pm.

**December 11:** Cynthia will oversee Apple Crisp making for the guests at Union Gospel Mission.

**December 18:** Pastor Jerry will be heading up Christmas caroling at Lourdes Medical Center. (Bus transportation provided at 6:30 pm.)

**"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."** Hebrews 13:16

### **Soul Soup Opportunities**

We invite you to consider two opportunities to support the Soul Soup ministry. The first is to be the team lead the 4th Thursday each month, which means setting up and coordinating the meal. The second is to pick up bread, which is donated by Panera once each month on the fourth Wednesday. Panera is located out on Queensgate in Richland. Pick up is about 8:45 pm and is usually 4 to 5 boxes of bread and pastries. These are delivered to the church where they are sorted and used at Soul Soup dinner. Any left overs (and there are usually plenty) are taken to the Mission and/or Dayspring Ministries by another team member.

Here is what is needed starting in December:

1. Someone to lead the team on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (Dec. 27) and prepare the meal. This would be a one-time deal, unless you are inclined to do so on a regular basis.
2. On a longer-term basis, someone to lead the team on the 4th Thursday each month. This would involve contacting the volunteers and arranging the dinner.
3. Someone to do the Panera pick up on the 4th Wednesday each month.

Please give this prayerful consideration. If you are feeling called to serve in any of these capacities, please contact Bob Kelly at 528-9254 or [rkellyzx@gmail.com](mailto:rkellyzx@gmail.com). There is great support for this ministry and from time to time there is a need for new leadership!!

Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community!!

### **Family Gingerbread House Decorating Party!**

**Friday Night, December 14, at 6:30 pm**

In the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall

Hosted by: Cindi and Cynthia

Please join us for a sweet night of fun! We will provide the bases, graham crackers and frosting, but you need to bring colorful candy treats to share with the group for decorating, such as: spice drops, dots, M&M's, red hots, kisses, sprinkles, small candy canes, etc. Looking forward to seeing what kinds of homes all of our cookie architects build.

### **Funday**

We will meet in the 4th and 5th grade room from Noon to 1:30 pm on **Sunday, December 16**. Bring a sack lunch and your friends! Can't wait to see you there!

3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join Rachel for an afternoon of devotion, fellowship, games, crafts, and of course, fun!

### **UMW (UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)**

UMW will be meeting Wednesday, December 19 in the Susanna Wesley Room at 10 am. All women of the church and their neighbors are invited to join in this time of shared friendship. We will have our Installation of officers in the Chapel near the overflow room. Treats provided by Tuesday Morning Fellowship.

### **Lenten Booklet**

A Lenten Booklet with 47 meditations written by our church family and clergy will be published for our Lenten season – 2019.

The theme is John 10:10.

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly". (NRSV)

"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of". (The Message)

The booklet is set up similar to the Upper Room and meditations are limited to 260 words.

In Sermon, November 11, Pastor Jerry stated, "Share your faithfulness".

If God is nudging you to write a meditation about a personal experience or a testimony of your faith contact Phyllis Koschik at 586-9355 or email at [eckpakzzz@charter.net](mailto:eckpakzzz@charter.net). The deadline for meditations is January 2, 2019.

### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University**

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join the *Financial Peace University* group/class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together!

Interested? Join us at **Kennewick First United Methodist Church**, Tuesdays beginning January 8, 2019 for 9 weeks, from 6:30-8 pm in the Susanna Wesley room. The church is offering this important informational program at half price for \$50.00 per student or couple of all ages, and **must be registered by December 23<sup>rd</sup>!!** Childcare is available. The class will be facilitated by the Hare and Tenney families.

Feel free to email your questions or sign up at [office@kennewickfirst.com](mailto:office@kennewickfirst.com) or 509-582-2163

## Today's Pageant's Participants

Grandpa Mouse:	Daniel Thien	<b>Pageant Director</b> Diane Bruce
Young Grandpa Mouse:	Scott Almarode	<b>Accompanist</b> Adam Berg
Julie Mouse:	Kaylee Klages	<b>Leaders</b> Cynthia Bement Ryan Coffman Forest Dexter Danielle Rhodes Brittany Becker Trisha Cochran Rachel Loomis Barb Helton Alex Bruce
Joey Mouse:	Zane Mason	
Mice:	Daisy Buchholz Annalise Becker	
Stevie Sparrow: Clarice Cow:	Ethan Collins Lily Bruce	
Cows:	Nola Sawyer Glesener Riley Baker Nolan Klages Ryan Angelo Conner Westvik	
Darryl Donkey:	Corbin Rhodes	
Lion:	Oliver Bruce	
Dog:	Molly Buchholz	
Stella Sheep:	Clara Cox	
Sophie Sheep:	Emily Collins	
Saul Sheep:	Nathan Rawlings	
Sally Sheep:	Paige Phillips	
Sheep:	Claire Phillips Parker Baker	
Camels:	James Dreier Tim Almarode Joe Buchholz Cooper Glesener	
Wise Men:	Jayden Rhodes Max Buchholz Caleb Rhodes	
Mary:	Jasmine Urban	
Joseph:	Ethan Nelson	
Baby Jesus:	Jaden Calderon-Rawlings	
Sr. High Angel Choir:	Vicki Keel Zoe Rhodes Mikayla Bateman Gracee Glesener Olivia Holloway Aryzonna Canada Jessica Urban	
Angels:	Rachel Bultena Rachel Cochran Lily Lehrman Laila Lehrman Laura Stafford Lili Westvik Ali	
Shepherds:	Ellie Nelson Jennifer Bultena	