



A Christ-centered, inclusive  
and loving community.

**2nd Sunday in Advent, December 8, 2019**  
**10:30 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** "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night" (J. Hintze) Margo Cox  
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (R. Prichard)  
"I Wonder As I Wander" (Appalachian melody, arr. M. Hayes)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Bracken Deatherage

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Scott Almarode & Gracee Glesener

**\*OPENING SONGS** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1, 3 & 4 UMH 211  
"Even So, Come"

**OPENING PRAYER**

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Cynthia Bement  
(2<sup>nd</sup> grade & younger excused to Activity Time)

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY** "Celtic Christmas Lullaby" Chancel Choir  
**\* DOXOLOGY**  
**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SONG** "What Child Is This?" UMH 219

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSV) pg. 663

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 1:46-56 (NRSV) Pg. 57

**SERMON** "From the Mantle - Mary" Pastor Mark McMurray

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**\* CLOSING SONG** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" UMH 229

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE** "He Is Born" UMH 228

**POSTLUDE** "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" (Spiritual, arr. M. Hayes)  
Margo Cox

**Today, December 8th**

Worship (S).....9 am & 10:30 am  
Holly Daze Encore (SWR)..... Before and after Worship  
Family Gingerbread House Building (IP) ..... 3 pm

**Monday, December 9th**

Caregiver Support Group (L) ..... 10:30 am  
Praise Band Rehearsal (S) ..... 6:30 pm  
Boy Scouts (IP) ..... 7 pm

**Tuesday, December 10th**

Tuesday Morning Fellowship (Member's Home) .... Noon  
Kennewick High School Band Concert (S) ..... 7 pm

**Wednesday, December 11th**

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

**Thursday, December 12th**

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

**Friday, December 13th**

Jr & Sr UMY Holiday Dance (IP) ..... 7 pm

**Saturday, December 14th**

SNL (YC) ..... 6 pm  
NA Event Meeting (SWR) ..... 6 pm  
Narcotics Anonymous (SWR) ..... 7:30 pm

**Sunday, December 15th**

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

**Those Serving God With Us Today:**

**Ushers** Gus Kittson, Harold Baker, Chuck & Lisa Jones

**Coffee Hour** Koren Burling

**Liturgist** Bracken Deatherage

**Communion Servers** Pastor Mark, Bob Kelly, Mary Gadeken, Pat Walker & Bracken Deatherage

**Greeters** Gene & Kathy Wertman

**Lay Shepherds**

Our Lay Shepherds are Kookie Graham, Naomi McDermott, Sandy Perkins, Micki Perry, Pat Walker and Lynnaie Wright. These Special ladies have gone through the Lay Shepherd training and reach out to congregants who are ill, having surgery, grieving a loved one, or in any spiritual need. They truly are Visiting Angels!!

**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:**

**Saturday, December 14: Saturday Night Life, 6 pm, Youth Chapel**

**Sunday, December 15: Christmas Cantata, 10:30 am**

**Tuesday, December 17: Cornerstone Christmas Extravaganza, 6 pm**

**Tuesday, December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Services, 4 & 7 pm**

**Sunday, December 29: One Worship Service at 10 am, No Sunday School**

**Saturday, January 11: Bob Scott's Memorial Service, 2 pm**

**Our Staff at Kennewick First**

Pastor..... Mark McMurray  
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  
Education Ministry Assistant ..... Starlite Buchholz  
Sunday Childcare Provider ..... Emma Glazier

This week we pray for families with newborn babies.  
We also pray for our sister church M.C.K in  
Njukinjiru, Kenya.

## Announcements

### Come to Holly Daze Encore Today

Is there anyone who doesn't love cookies? Of course not. That's why Holly Daze Encore will offer cookie platters, as well as wonderful Christmas crafts. Funds raised by UMW at Holly Daze Encore will make life brighter for orphans, as well as support a dozen non-profits and youth activities.

### Family Gingerbread House Building Today

**Come from 3-4 pm** to build Gingerbread Houses! Bring candy treats to decorate your house and to share with others! We will provide the foundation, siding, and adherent!!

### Giving Tree

The Community Ministry team is supporting the Kennewick Boys and Girls Club with a Christmas season collection of very specific art supplies for the club's art program. There will be a "giving tree" in the narthex with items you can choose to buy for the club for use by the kids there. 120 children (grade and middle school) use the club daily and come from a predominantly low-income neighborhood. The arts program is just one of many that help the club to empower the kids to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Can you help???

### Christmas Cantata

Please plan to join us on **December 15 at 10:30 am** for our Christmas cantata. It is a Celtic Christmas Celebration titled, "Have You Heard?" with familiar Christmas carols, as well as familiar Christmas texts set to beloved Irish and Welsh tunes. The Chancel Choir has been hard at work and is eager to share a beautiful morning of music in celebration of our Savior's birth! We hope to see you there! This would be a wonderful time to invite a friend. **Have YOU heard? Jesus is born!**

### Funday

The next Funday is **December 15**. We will meet in the 4th and 5th grade room from Noon to 1:30 pm. 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!

### Cornerstone Christmas Extravaganza

**On Tuesday, December 17 at 6 pm** we will have dinner, make crafts, send Christmas cards and go caroling. Please join the fun!!

### Methodist Women to Unite in Caring Wednesday, December 18

All women of the church and their friends are invited to a festive December 18 meeting and to review the many ways UMW promotes compassionate care throughout the community and world.

UMW officers for 2020 will be installed by Helen Mitchell. Friendship time begins at 10 am in the Susanna Wesley Room.

Serving on the board will be Kathy Wertman, president; Eddie Kenoyer, vice president and social action; Phyllis Koschik, secretary; Kathy Harris, treasurer; Pat Walker, program resources; Su Mayfield, spiritual growth; Nancy Russell, membership; Micki Perry, education; Bonnie Taylor, sunshine; and Mary Gaden, Erna Sproul and Eddie, nominating committee.

If Kennewick schools are closed that day because of bad weather, UMW will cancel their meeting too.

### Christmas Eve Services

On Tuesday, December 24, there will be two worship services:  
4 pm, Candlelight (more oriented towards families) & Time with Young Disciples.  
7 pm, Candlelight  
Our handbell choir will perform at both services and the Chancel choir will sing at the 4 pm service.  
Communion will not be offered during the worship services; however, Pastor Mark will be available to offer the Eucharist after each service to anyone who would like to have communion.

### Carol Hardacre's Celebration of Life

Carol Hardacre passed away on November 27th. Her Celebration of Life will be held on **December 28 at 1 pm** at the Shalom United Church of Christ, 505 McMurray Street in Richland. Carol is survived by her daughter Susan Mowbray. If you would like to send a sympathy card to Susan, please call the church office to get her address.

### Donations under New Tax Law

Many of us have found that with the new tax law and the higher standard deduction, it is more difficult to claim charitable contributions on our tax return. For those of you who are interested, an informative article was recently published by Paul Hansen of HFGTrust (our own Ty Haberling's company). The article discusses several options:

1. Bunching donations by calendar year.
2. Use of a Donor Advised Fund (DAF)
3. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs).

The article is found on the internet at <http://www.hfgtrust.com/charitable-donations-maximizing-your-tax-benefit-under-new-tax-law/>.

If any of the congregation elects to use one of these methods for supporting our church programs, it would be appreciated if you alert the Finance and Stewardship team because it could impact our cash flow projections in a particular year.

Thank you for your stewardship!  
Rich Nelson, Team Leader

### Impact Center

We believe in pulling our community together, building upon our strengths, leveraging our resources, looking at gaps in communities, and finding innovative ways to work together, to create solutions. Impact Center Compassion Center needs community support. KFUMC is joining in the on-going support of our community to help fill the gaps at the Impact Compassion Center. To help for the **month of December, we will be collecting new or gently used blankets and hand warmers**. Watch the bulletin for upcoming drives, we will be filling a new need each month. Helping the Impact Center is part of our Missions Commission. If you have questions, contact Sherry Elvik at 948-8990 or if you would like to volunteer, contact Jennifer. at [www.impactcompassioncenter@gmail.com](mailto:www.impactcompassioncenter@gmail.com).

### Pictorial Directory Coordinator

If you are interested in being a coordinator to set up for a new pictorial directory, please call Cheryl in the office at 509-582-2163.

### Piano or Guitar player needed

Can you play Piano? Or Guitar? If so, the Children's Sunday School is looking for a new musician to help during praise and song Sunday mornings at 9 am. We usually sing a couple of songs each week and need an accompanist. If that sounds like a calling you would like to pursue, please contact Starlite Buchholz through the church office at 509-582-2163.

### NEXT VISION MEDICAL MISSION

Cory Manley will be going to Uganda, Africa, February 19, 2020 through March 10, 2020. Anyone wanting to donate used eyeglasses or sunglasses can leave them in the designated box in the narthex. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation, they can do so by mailing a check to: AmigoVision Foundation, 2280 Brown Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530. They are a 501c3 organization for a qualified tax deduction.

# Sermon Notes