

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Advent Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, whose light shines in the darkness,
and that the darkness can never overcome it.
We believe that one extraordinary night in Bethlehem
there was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Born of a virgin, the revelation of prophecy.
We believe in the Word made incarnate, full of grace
and truth, who came to make His home among us,
save all peoples of the world from their sins and
reveal the Kingdom of God with justice, mercy,
and righteousness.
We believe His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and that His
kingdom will never end. And that one day every knee
will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
This we believe. Amen.

Praise Band, The Relics:

*Pastor Rachel Hughes, guitar; Paul Kluga, Guitar, vocals;
Katie Rowe-Ventrucci, vocals; Linda Wells, keyboard;
Ben Winkler, piano*

TO OUR VISITORS ...

We are so happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If you are searching for a church home and would like to know more about Curlew UMC, our ministries and our church family, please let us know. We hope you are blessed as we worship God together in spirit and in truth.

Curlew United Methodist Church

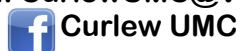
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*Curlew United Methodist Church
December 13, 2020*

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

All are welcome as we come together to worship in the House of the Lord.

Organ Selections

Announcements Pastor Rachel Hughes

Birthday: 12/14 Susan Yocum; 12/18 Eugenia Akapo

* Greeting and Sharing the Peace

* Congregation "Emmanuel"

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prelude "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Praise Band

Advent Wreath Lighting JOY Terry & Helen Hershman
People: Thank You, God, for the joy You give us. We ask that as we wait for all Your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that You would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day, to worship You, to hear Your Word, and to do Your will by sharing Your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the One who was born in Bethlehem. AMEN.

* Call to Worship by Fr. Henri Nouwen Liturgist

Leader: Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,

People: send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

Leader: We, who have so much to do,

People: seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day.

Leader: We, who are anxious over many things,

People: look forward to Your coming among us.

Leader: We, who are blessed in so many ways,

People: long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.

Leader: We, whose hearts are heavy,

People: seek the joy of Your presence.

Leader: We are Your people,

All: walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith Advent Affirmation

* The Gloria Patri

Prayers and Praises

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer Pastor Rachel Hughes

Tithes and Offerings

* The Doxology

* Special Music "Away in a Manger" Praise Band

Scripture Luke 2:14

The Message Pastor Rachel Hughes

The Announcement

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS

* Benediction Pastor Rachel Hughes

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Pastor Rev. Rachel Hughes
Director of Music Ministries Ben Winkler

*** Stand as you are able**

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12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ...

Ernie Bear, Tess Griffith, June Gunderman, Richard & Linda Hicks, Helen Kamp, Betty Johnson, JR Melvin, Mary Smiech, Jo Ann Tilley, those in our Military, our Curlew church family, the United Methodist Church, our country, and those across the globe fighting the pandemic. Contact info for church family shut-ins can be obtained by calling the church office and are published monthly in the "Curlew Courier".
Mary DeDea, Eileen Huntington, Vivian Cox, Barbara Bardua, Esther Besch