
Amity United Methodist Church

The Rev. Tuck Taylor, Pastor

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*Mindful of our vows to support this church by our prayers, presence, gifts and service,
we understand our mission as the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Our Church Staff

Pastor.....The Rev. Tuck Taylor, tucktaylor@live.com

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Serving in Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Preacher Rev. Tuck Taylor

Accompanist Chris Dodson

Acolyte

Greeter Betty Allison

Ushers Randy Moore, Earl Allison, Lindy Sparrow

Happy Birthday To

Nov. 30 Tracy Livers

Dec. 02 Cathy Howes

Dec. 05 Tim Shore

*Please call the office with birthday
or prayer list changes.*



Amity United Methodist Church

Believe . . . Belong . . . Become . . .

We **believe** all people matter to God,
All **belong** in community, And, by grace,
Become like Christ to serve the world.

Sunday, November 29, 2009, 11:00 a.m.



An Order for the Public Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING AND PRAISE

* Please stand if you are able

Prelude

Musical Introit *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Chancel Choir

The Bringing In of Christ's Light

* **Call To Worship** (*People's response in bold*)

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the word of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest!

God Will Send a Righteous King Jeremiah 23:5-6

Placing of the Cedar Branches

David Sparrow
David & Stephanie Sparrow

* **Hymn** 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Charles Wesley, 1744

The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Ed Tostanoski
Hanging of the Wreaths Bob Klatt

* **Hymn** 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1-4) 9th Century Latin trans.

Children's Time Marie Snider

*All children are invited to gather on the Chancel steps for a special lesson.
Following Children's Time, children may remain with their families; attend
Children's Church (ages five and older); or go to the nursery (four and under).*

The Fourth Servant Song Isaiah 53:1-6 Susie Whaley
Placing of the Holly and Berries Carlos & Vanessa Gonzalez

* **Hymn** 219 *What Child is This?* William Dix, 1865

The Star of Bethlehem Matthew 2:7-11 Mae Lynn Reyes
Placing of the Poinsettias Cathy Howes

* **Blessing of the Advent Wreath** (*People's response in bold*)

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again,
let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him,

Come, Lord Jesus

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love,

Come, Lord Jesus

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin,

Come, Lord Jesus

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ,

Come, Lord Jesus

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the
example of Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus

**Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.
Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May
their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles of Peace and Hope Isaiah 60:2-3 Chris & Laura Horne

* **Hymn** 240 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Charles Wesley, 1734

The Mystery of the Incarnation John 1:1-5,9-14 Dot Reynolds
Lighting of the Chrismon Tree Dot Reynolds

Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

Homily "A Message of Hope" Rev. Tuck Taylor

Our Offering *Breathe* Marie Snider Michael W. Smith

* **Doxology** 94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Thomas Ken, 1674

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!

* **Hymn of Commitment** 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* John F. Wade, 1743

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER

CM = Church Member *denotes new additions*

*Angela Ellis, breast cancer
Bill Creighton, Alice Garfield's brother
Colt Short, CM, broken leg
Ike Reynolds, CM, calls & visits invited
Judi Short, CM, testing
Frank, Nancy Sturdivant's brother
Kristi, Bob & Nancy Klatt's daughter
Will Cooper & 10-mo-old son, per Nancy Sturdivant
Doyle Hagany, 10-year-old, leukemia
Judy Gardner, stage 4 lung cancer, friend of Marguerite Geagon
Helen Young
Tony Tovsen, per Roger Shumate
Jo Ann McIver, CM, complication from R.A.

Peggy Loddengaard, CM,
Marcie Oden, Sybil Skakle's great-niece
Cliff Skakle, CM, for sustaining prayers
Bob Loddengaard, small cell prostate cancer, hospice; Peggy Loddengaard's husband
Elsie Webb, CM, poor health
Teresa Mitchell Rad, cancer, per Gayle Claris
Jack and Colt Short, CM
Eddie Sparrow, son of Jean & Don Sparrow
Chris Cialdini, CM, Judy Short's son
Matt Cialdini, CM, Judy Short's son
Charlton Campbell, CM; Dialysis (needs rides);calls and visits invited

To place a name in the bulletin, please contact the office (967-7546; secretary@amityumc.org), or drop a "Prayerfully Yours" card in the offering plate. To keep the prayer list fresh and up-to-date, non-church members will be removed after three weeks unless the office is requested otherwise.