

**EDGERTON UMC: MAKING CHRIST KNOWN –  
First Sunday in Advent**

**Sunday, Dec 3, 2017**  
(\*Please Stand as Able

**10:30 am Worship**  
**Bold Print All Say In Unison**

**GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY’S WORSHIP**

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, the theme of “Paying attention” dominates. We are called to be ready to receive something life-changing, something wholly new. In the light of the deep darkness which descended upon the lives of the people, the song of the angels has come reminding us that there is hope – something stupendous is about to happen.

**GREETING**                    **Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**            “The Holly and the Ivy”, Noel Rawsthorne  
Nancy Dickinson

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** If only the heavens would tear open and God would come down!

**P: The mountains would shake and tremble — all earth would stand in awe!**

**L:** People have turned their backs on God, believing that they, under their own power, can right all wrongs.

**P: We have failed miserably when we depend only on ourselves.**

**L:** Be with us, O Lord. Tear open our hearts and pour your love into our lives.

**P: Give us confidence in you, for you are always with us. AMEN.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (See Insert)**

**\*HYMN**                    **“Star Child”**                    **TFWS #2095**

**\*PRAYER**

God of love and mercy, we thank you for your loving presence in our lives. You have formed us in your image and you continue to transform us as we grow in faith. Break through the darkness in our lives and let the light of your love flood in, that we may become more productive disciples of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 13:24-37**

**\*HYMN**                    **“People Look East”**                    **UMH #202**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

“Make it easy for us to figure out,” we cry as we seek signs of God’s presence. We want it simple. Just tell us and we can take the proper precautions. There are signs all-around of God’s presence among us – both in that which has been created and in the newness of creation of everyday living. But we are looking for signs of gloom and doom – instead we should be looking for signs of hope and triumph. Forgive us, merciful God, when we spend so much time looking for the scary things in life. Forgive us when we seek the darkness of anger and fear, and turn our backs on the light of possibilities and peace. Open our hearts once again to your redeeming love and transforming peace, for we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In Christ we are made new. We are healed and forgiven, we are challenged and guided to become those who work for the better rather than those who would destroy and damage. You call us your people, O God, and we are eternally grateful.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MESSAGE**                    *The Wise Men Come*                    Pastor Barb Wells

**HYMN**                    **“We Three Kings”**                    **UMH #254**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Special Music: **“Wild and Lone the Prophets Voice”**,  
David Ashley White

\*Doxology                    **UMH # 95**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN**                    **“Soon and Very Soon”**                    **UMH# 706**

**POSTLUDE**                    **“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”**,  
*Freu dich sehr*, Arr. Lee Dengler  
*Please join us for Friendship in Fellowship Hall  
located directly below the Sanctuary.*

# Coffee Fellowship

Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall immediately after 9:00 AM Worship. Fellowship Hall is located below the Sanctuary: go down the front steps – pass the elevator – make a left – go down the steps - Fellowship Hall is on your left – under the sanctuary.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
CLOSED MONDAY  
FRIDAY – By Appointment  
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## Our Mission:

"To Make Christ Known!"

Our church is to be a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to ALL people - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, culture, tradition, family configuration, economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

## In Ministry –

The People of Edgerton UMC

### Assistants to the Congregation

Pastor: Barbara Wells  
Lay Leader: Mark Gausman  
Organist (9:00): Nancy Dickinson  
Music (10:30): Steven Zych – Guitar  
Ed Hunt – Bass, Banjo, Guitar  
Nancy Dickinson - Keyboard  
Administrative Assistant: Daphne Marquardt  
Coffee Hour Chair: Jo Peterson  
Sanctuary Care: Margaret Tadder and Linda Young  
Kids Club (Wednesday Nights) – Michelle Davis  
Kids Church (9:00 AM) – Barb Gausman



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