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Order of Worship

Prelude

Song *Joy to the World* CH143*

Call to Worship Michael, Kristin & Duncan Hornback

Leader: Advent is a season of waiting ...God, we call upon you.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: In a world where ... we call upon you.

People: Come, Lord of Hope, come.

Leader: Today, Advent begins ... just as God did long ago in the Christ-child.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come and save us.

Welcome

Song *Angels We Have Heard on High* CH155*

†Centering & Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment Holly Fuqua

Sermon: Those Days Michael Swartzentruber
Mark 13:24-37

Song *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* CH119*

Communion

Gluten free bread in small cups on tray

Elders: Sharon White, Jack McAllister

Generosity Tim Freda & The Fuqua Family

Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain* CH167*

Benediction

Postlude

† Prayer list available in church foyer on glass table and online at www.southelkhorncc.org/prayer-list.

*Chalice Hymnals (CH) are located near the stairs at the back of the worship.

Deacons Serving This Week
Prepare & Serve— Laura Maloney, Tara Cox, Jennifer Aldarondo
Distribute & Serve— Don Mynear
Serve & Clean— Rebecca Swartzentruber, Lynn Purdom, Steve Estepp



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Welcome!

We are an open table people. That means all are welcome here. No matter your past dilemmas or present challenges, no matter your age or race, no matter your gender or political party: we want you to be creative, bold, generous, and make a difference. We hope God unleashes your passion and gifts because the world sorely needs them. We are eager for you to wonder, question, explore and grow. Most of all, we want to journey with you in the adventure of Christ's love. We are glad you're here!

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Administrator

Children's Coordinators:
Danielle Evans, Aly Partain, &
Andres Caban

December 3, 2017

If you are a guest with us today

- We hope you feel at home here, so relax and be yourself.
- We would love to know you are with us today. Please fill out a **Connection Card** (located in the seat pocket of the chair in front of you). You can drop it in the offering plate during service or leave it at the Welcome Center in the foyer.
- Let us know how we can share more about our church, plug you in, and pray for you.

Explore South Elkhorn

December 10 • Room 108 • 5:00 PM

Join us for our gathering of newcomers and curious souls. Meet our team, engage in conversation, and find your place in our spiritual community. For more information or to RSVP, please fill out the connection card or contact the church office: admin@southelkhorncc.org.

Children's Worship & Wonder

After the children's sermon, children age 3 to Grade 3 are invited to hear a sacred story, wonder about its meaning, & gather together for a feast (rooms 203 & 209).

Nursery

Nursery is available for children ages 6 weeks to two years during Sunday School & worship (rooms 214 & 215).

Life Together



Congregational Meeting

Today • Christian Ministry Center • Following Worship

Open to all. Members vote on the budget, slate of officers, and any other business items.



Drive Through Bethlehem

Saturday • December 9 • South Elkhorn Christian Church

Sign up in foyer to serve one shift to bring the Christmas Story to life and make an impact in our community. Adults and youth (grades 6-12) are welcome to take part in this event. You can also email church office at admin@southelkhorncc.org for more information or to sign up. Childcare is available.



Salvation Army Bell Ringers

December 23 • Beaumont Kroger

There are still opportunities to ring the bell. Contact Doug Alexander at: 221-1032 (c), 224-4742 (h), or dgapr@twc.com.



Advent Lectio Sunday School Class

December 10, and 17 • Room 111 • 9:00 AM

The Lectio class is meeting for the next 3 weeks. All welcome to join. A new Sunday School class will start in January, discussing the book, *Sabbath Keeping*. For more information contact Jane Estep at janeestep@gmail.com.

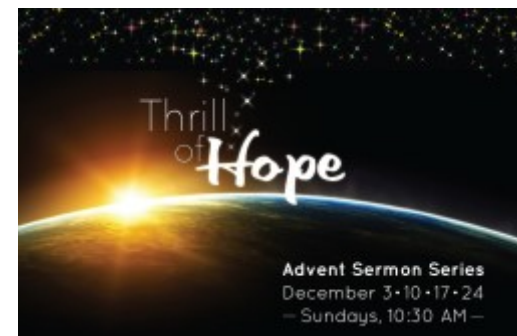


Compassionate Friends

December 10 • Historic Sanctuary • 6:00 PM

Join us as we honor our children that have left us too soon. For more information contact Janie Fields at butterflymom@windstream.net or 859-421-6520.

Advent



December 3, Bluegrass Christmas Sunday, Mark 13:24-37

December 10, Brass and Children's Choir, Isaiah 40:1-11

December 17, Choir Cantata Sunday, Luke 1:45-56

December 24, 10:30 AM, All children invited to wear their pajamas as we open the presents of Advent, Luke 2:1-20

December 24, 7:00 PM, Candlelight Worship

Bulletin & sermon audio available at southelkhorncc.org/sermons

Children & Youth

Tiny Tots (Age 2 - Pre K), **Children** (Grades K - 5), **Youth** (Grades 6 - 12)

Christmas Parties

Sunday • December 10 • Following Worship

Enjoy our last Sunday gathering until January 7. Come for Christmas luncheon, crafts, games and a few holiday surprises.

Tonight

Regular Programs Resume

4:40 PM Children's Choir

5:00 PM Open Gym & Snack

5:30 PM Activities

6:30 PM Pick Up

Sermon

Thrill of Hope: Those Days

Mark 13:24-37

Focus Verse: "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give it's light"

Mark 13:24

Quote: "If I knew the world would end tomorrow, I would plant a tree."

-attributed to Martin Luther

Big Ideas:

- End times? Yes.
- Jesus at evening, midnight, cockcrow, and dawn
- Liminal darkness
- Grammar of Hope; future perfect tense

Discussion Questions

1. Read the passage carefully and slowly. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. People have been predicting the "end of the world" for ages. Why, do you think, those efforts might be impossible or missing the point?
3. Reflect on one of "those days": when it seemed like everything in your life was in chaos and change was on the horizon. How did that feel? What did you do?
4. How does Christian life--as people "in between"--make Advent meaningful?

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