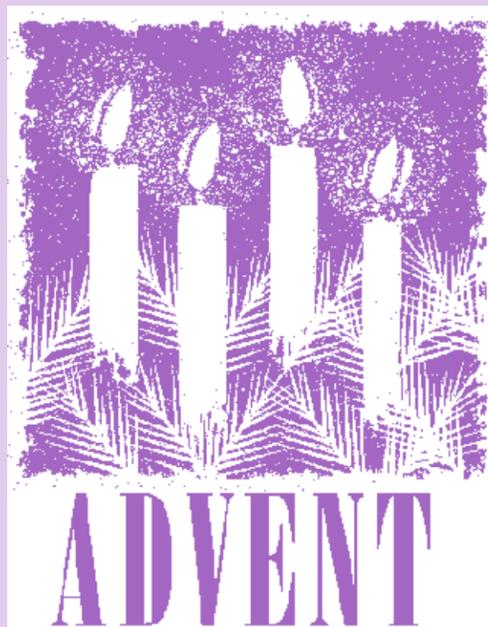




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 The Congregation, Ministers  
 Rev. Linda J. Gesling, Pastor



*-a Retreat in the City-*

*Newport United Methodist Church is a people of God  
 dedicated to following the teaching of Jesus  
 so that we and others can grow in our faith.*

## First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Rev. Linda Gesling, Pastor

### Gathering

*We come together in the name of the Lord.*

Please record your attendance by signing the registration pad -  
 members, friends and visitors alike.

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Church Bell Toll

*Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

Introit "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" Natalie Sleeth  
 No. 2271 Newport UMC Choir

### Announcements

Call to Worship

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

**P: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

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

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

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

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

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

**P: By hearing again the words 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!**

\*Hymn "People, Look East"  
 No. 202

\*Greeting One Another

Explanation of Hanging of the Greens

Unison Prayer

**Loving God, greet us this day with your grace. We need it. Though we  
 may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield the kind of peace  
 you can give. Today was use this quiet to hear your voice. Today we sit  
 still so we can feel your touch. Help us to receive as well as give., wait as  
 well as act and listen as well as speak. Our world needs your peace. We  
 come before you to learn your ways. Be with us. AMEN.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

\*Hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel" (vs 1-2)  
 No. 211

The Evergreens and Wreaths

\*Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter"  
 No.221

The Holly and Ivy  
 Scripture **Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 (OT p. 540-41)**

The Bells

Anthem "We Wait" Ruth E. Schram  
 [c]2013 Lorenz Pub. Newport UMC Choir

The Nativity  
 \*Hymn 217 "Away in a Manger"

The Tree  
 Scripture **Isaiah 64: 1-9 (OT p.694-95)**

The Lights

The Chrismons  
 Scripture **Mark 13:24-37 (NT p. 50-51)**

\*Hymn "This Little Light of Mine"  
 No. 585

Offering "Taste and See" James E. Moore, Jr.,arr. Holstein  
 Offertory [c]2006 GIA Publ. Newport UMC Choir  
 Prayer of Dedication  
 Prayer Requests  
 The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

**Communion**  
*Hymnal, pp.15-16*

### Sending Forth

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

\*Circle of Benediction

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
 No. 557, verse 1  
 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
 the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Extinguishing of the Candles  
*Taking the Light into the World*

Church Bell Toll

Postlude

**This week's ushers are Sherry Elg and Teri Reynolds.  
Last Sunday's ushers were Donald Birttnen and John Brenneman.**  
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**If you would like to provide flowers in  
dedication to a loved one, or an occasion, contact the church  
office so that it can be noted in the bulletin.**

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*Looking Ahead . . .*

<b>Sunday, December 3</b>		<b><i>First Sunday in Advent</i></b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Social Time, Adult Study</b>
<b>Monday, December 4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Martha Circle, Norris Square Hosted by Mary Jane Arnfelt</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Leadership Team, Fireside</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b>		
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Voice Choir, S</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Handbell Choir , FH</b>
<b>Thursday, December 7</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>48th Annual <i>Ecumenical</i> <i>Service is here at Newport UMC!</i></b>
<b>Saturday, December 9</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>United Church of God Service</b>
<b>Sunday, December 10</b>		<b><i>Second Sunday in Advent</i></b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Social Time, Adult Study</b>

**Got Santa cards?** You can recycle them by giving them to Bobbie Woodward. This year Bobbie is making two Santa books! There is a mail slot in the office just for adding to Bobbie's collection.

***Upholding the Church with our...***

**Prayers :** for the family of Donna's mother-in-law **Marlene Olson** who passed away this past Wednesday; for Gale and Marilyn's son-in-law **Mike** who was hospitalized at the VA with multiple concerns; for Ruth's granddaughter **Carrie** who is having challenges in her pregnancy with twins; for the family of Sherry and Tracy's cousin **David** who passed away while in hospice care; for healing for Butch and Sandy's great-niece **Kayla** as she prepares for college; for the family and friends of Park HS graduate **Parker** on his sudden death; for the family of Mike's aunt **Sharon** on her sudden death; for Bob and Sue's friend **Judy** who is awaiting a bone marrow transplant; for Ethel's sister-in-law **Eileen** who is dealing with aggressive cancer; for **Tom** who is recovering from a brain aneurysm; for Nancy's friend **Mary** who faces cancer surgery; for Bob's friend **Jack** who is diagnosed with cancer; for Bonnie's friend **Georgette** who is undergoing treatment for cancer and has many other issues; for **Lolita, Bruce, Kathy, Barb, Chuck and Joanne and grandson Joe, Scott, Vicki, Karen, Dave, Lowell, ...**We pray for **safety for all travelers; for good health for all of our congregation; for all those facing health care finance crises; for a peaceful solution in Korea; for immigrants coming and trying to come into the United States; for the victims of the attacks in New York City, Sutherland Springs, TX, and Rancho Tehama, CA; for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; for everyone in the path of California wildfires; for the victims and responders to the earthquakes in Mexico and in Iraq and Iran; the victims and remorseful perpetrators of sexual harassment; the missing Argentine submariners; we pray for the police and first responders whose jobs are often difficult and dangerous; for safety for elected officials; and for the victims of storms throughout the country; for people and families dealing with mental illness; for victims of violence all around us; for children who have suffered abuse; for all families whose loved ones are missing.**

Please keep **Tonnie** in your prayers for continued recovery.

*Joys:* **Garel** is getting around again, great to see her with us! **Pastor Sue** now shows no sign of cancer. **Peter** is back at school. Doug's brother **Gary** is back home. Eldon and Dorothy's son-in-law **Art** is back to work following heart surgery.

**Thank God for good outcomes!**

*Perhaps you have asked us to uphold a loved one in our prayers. If so please give us an update as their conditions change, as a joy or a concern.*

**Presence:** Last week's Attendance at Worship = **33**  
**Gifts:** Last week's total Offering = **\$725**  
**Service: Thanks to John Brenneman for overseeing the start of concrete work on the dumpster enclosure, and finishing up the grant request!**

***Welcome to our Visitors ...***

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return many times and to bring others with you.

Nursery care for children under 3 years of age is available during the worship service. Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month and is open for all to receive as a sacramental gift from God.

We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call Pastor Linda for an appointment. If you would like to discuss baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the pastor. Persons desiring to marry may speak with the pastor to schedule pre-marital counseling. We are willing to provide additional services as needed - simply call the church office (651/459-2747, at extension 1).

You are cordially invited to become an active participant of any of our program opportunities as noted in our weekly bulletin. Christian Education is available September through May for adults. If you enjoy music, you are welcome to join our voice and handbell choirs. We share in a growing ministry where volunteer opportunities are available, matching your skills to church and community needs.

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, *The Key*, or wish to make a comment/suggestion, please note such on the back of a prayer request card found in the pew pocket and place it on the offering plate. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for.

Newport United Methodist Church Staff

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John Brenneman	Treasurer
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Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
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