

### Mission Opportunities

**Food Pantry.** Thank you all for your time, support and prayers. Your loving outreach gave a better Thanksgiving to 363 families or 909 people. The pantry donation items for December are peanut butter and cereal. Distribution Day is Tuesday, December 20th.

**Chili for Coats.** Today is the Annual Chili for Coats luncheon. A new/gently used coat or \$10 will get you a lunch of chili, cheese, Fritos, and dessert. Proceeds go to purchase coats for children in and around Arkadelphia. Donations gratefully accepted. Dine-in or carry-out.

#### Please Remember:

- A. You may put your offering in the plate, use Tithely by scanning the QR code under Ways to Give, go directly to Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=368022>, or drop it off at the church office.
- B. You can live stream services on Facebook or YouTube at [facebook.com/fumcark](https://www.facebook.com/fumcark) or [youtube.com/user/fumcark](https://www.youtube.com/user/fumcark). Watch previous services at [fumcark.org/sermons](https://www.fumcark.org/sermons).

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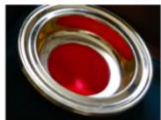
**Tech** Mike Wyatt, Sr, Misty Smith, Emily Smith, Annabeth Wyatt, and Hunter Wyatt

**Refreshments** Diane Wyatt

**Nursery Workers** Jewelie Mills and Erin Mecum

**Custodian** Sharon Murphy

#### **Ways to give to First United Methodist Church**



**In Person**  
Offering plate



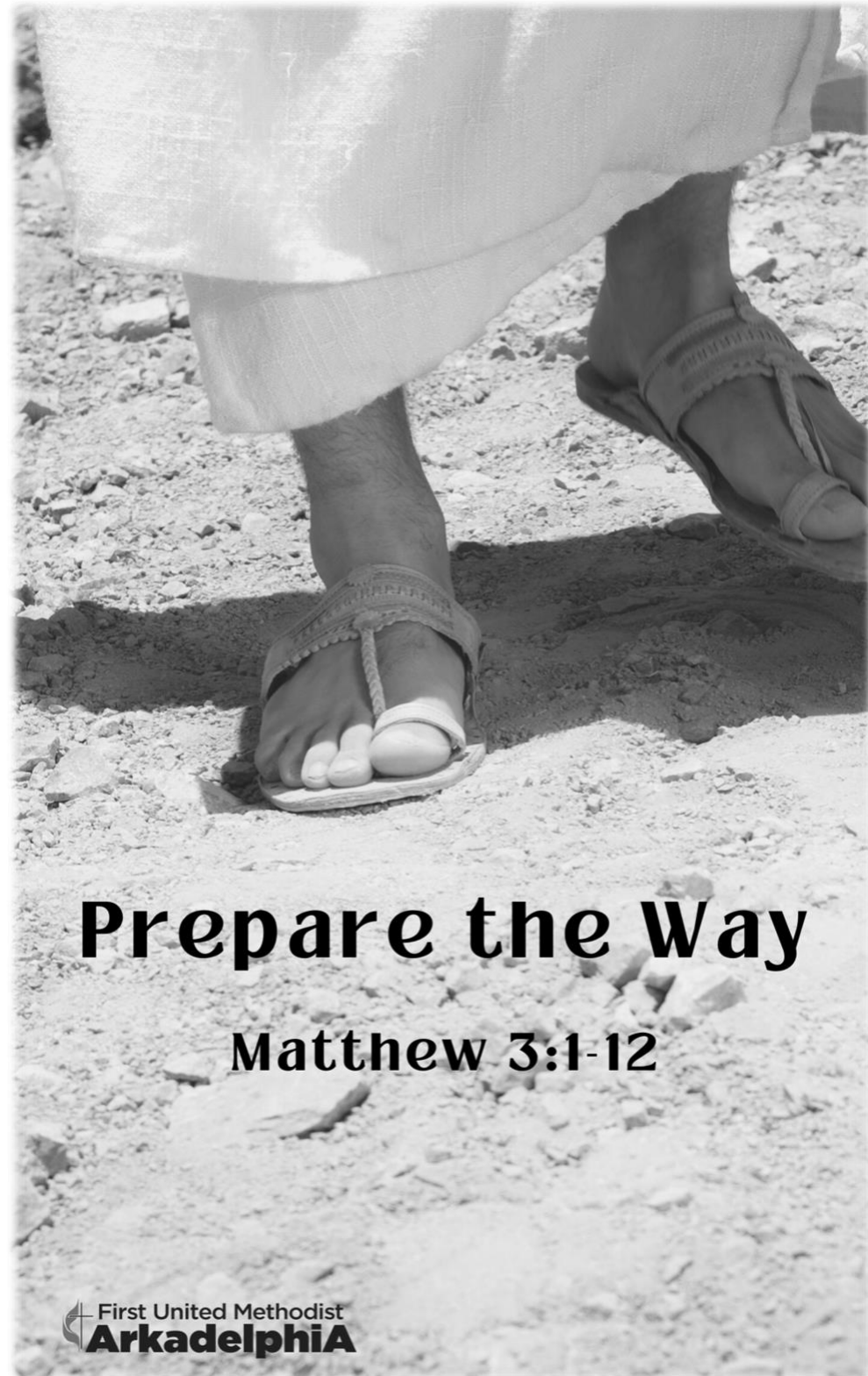
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107 N. 9th Street



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*Adopted by First United Methodist Church Council, October 10, 2017.*



# Prepare the Way

## Matthew 3:1-12

# Worship for the Lord's Day

December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent

Contemporary Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Order of Service

Opening Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Announcements

Offering

Apostles' Creed.....*Congregation*

Lighting of the Advent Candles.....*Cory & Christy McDowell*

Songs of Praise.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Pastoral Prayer.....*Rev. Zeke Allen*

Scripture Reading.....*Margaret Ashcraft*  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

Sermon..... *Rev. Zeke Allen*  
*Prepare the Way*

The Lord's Prayer.....*Congregation*

Holy Communion

Closing Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Benediction/Blessing..... *Rev. Zeke Allen*

### Prayer Request

Please keep Terri McMaster, Betty Bass' daughter, in your thoughts and prayers. She is currently in the hospital with pneumonia.

### News & Events

**Communion Sunday.** Today is Communion Sunday. Loose bills left in the communion baskets go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to be used in emergency situations for those in need. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

**Chancel Choir/Peals of Joy Handbell Choir:** Handbell Choir meets today at 4:00 for rehearsal. Both choirs meet Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. for Lessons & Carols rehearsal. Readers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**HSU/OBU Wesley Foundation Candlelight and Carols.** The Wesley Foundation (316 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St.) invites everyone to their Candlelight and Carols service this evening at 6:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

**United Women in Faith.** UWinF's annual Potluck Salad & Dessert Luncheon is this Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., at the home of Laverne Todd. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a salad and/or dessert as well as a friend. Rev. Zeke Allen will have the devotional. We look forward to sharing a meal together.

**Church Meetings.** The Finance Committee meets this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Ad Board meets Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Ruth Circle.** The Ruth Circle Christmas Potluck is noon on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Sue Waymack. Barbara Rhodes has the devotional.

**Lessons & Carols/Songs from the Manger.** Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, FUMC presents Songs from the Manger at 9:00 a.m. and the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Service of Lessons & Carols at 11:00 a.m.. Both are services of praise and worship telling of the birth of Jesus in slightly different ways. We hope you can join us at either or both services.

**Chris Tomlin/Mercy Me Winter Tour.** Those going to the Chris Tomlin/Mercy Me Concert meet Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We will eat at Red Robin prior to the concert. Concert tickets are provided. Those attending will be responsible for their own supper, snacks, and any souvenirs.

**Poinsettias.** Orders for poinsettias are being taken through this Wednesday. The cost is \$25 per plant. Contact Sabrina at the church office to order.