

**Evangelical United Church of Christ**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 28th, 2010 9:30 a.m.**

*Welcome to the Celebration!*

*Childcare is available for children 3 and under in our  
Nursery in room 37.*

**THE BELLS CALL US TO WORSHIP**

**\*\*GATHERING MUSIC**

“Everything Glorious”

“Mighty to Save”

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

The Steve Clayton Family

One: As our days grow shorter and our nights longer we who are people of faith turn to symbols such as candles, evergreens and wreaths to proclaim our belief in the unquenchable light. In hopeful anticipation, we prepare for the coming of the Reign of God.

All: **As we begin our journey to the light, we confess that our lives have not always been lived in ways pleasing to God. Our shame has left us feeling distant from the**

**One who is both Mother and Father to us all, the One in whose hands we are like clay. Yet even now, our longing for the One who tears open the heavens and comes down kindles like a fire in our soul.**

**Even now as we wait, we dare to hope.**

One: We who are pregnant with anticipation feel hope rise up within us. And so we light this first candle and name it hope.

HYMN: "One Candle Is Lit" No. 128 (First verse)

## **KIDS' KORNER**

### **WELCOME**

*(PLEASE SIGN THE FRIENDSHIP PADS)*

### **THE 411**

### **\*\*GREETING EACH OTHER**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

**"Come To Set Thy People Free"**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

*In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be*

*established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 24:36-44

*“Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming”*

**MESSAGE**

“Straight Talk”

Jacob DeNap

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYER SONG**

“Majesty of Heaven”

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OUR LORD’S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY SONG**

“Kingdom”

**\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*unison*)

**We give You thanks, Almighty God for the ways in which you spur us into active service. Wake us from our slumber and bring about a spiritual wakefulness that is pleasing in Your sight. Help us to open our eyes to the world around us, and**

let us open our hands to those in need. Amen.  
**\*\*CLOSING SONG**

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *(unison)*

**Notes to Worshippers**  
**Double asterisks (\*\*)** indicate times when you may stand if you are comfortably able.

**PRAISE TEAM:**

Chris Stokes, Aaron Westhouse, Dillon Dunnagan,  
Nick Italiano, Beth Grohmann

**SOUND/SLIDE CREW:**

Jason Hug, Kevin Kimmle, Dan Drabing,  
Kay Whitecotton, Angel Walker, Ben Clayton

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Everything Glorious- By: David Crowder CCLI#- 4674173

Mighty to Save- By: Ben Feilding and Reuben Morgan  
CCLI#- 4591782

Majesty of Heaven- By: Tomlin, Reeves, Redman CCLI#- 5869918

**Romans 13:11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 24:36-44**

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah

entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.