

**The Lord's Day**  
**First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024**  
Sandy Creek United Wesleyan Church  
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## A Prayer of Hope

Dear God, I have gone my own way and have put my hope in so many things that have disappointed me. Thank you that you sent Jesus, that first Christmas long ago to be my Savior. I believe he came for me. Forgive me and lead me today. Show me how to live in the confident expectation of how you can impact my life, my character and my circumstances. I place my hope in you right now and ask you to make yourself known to me in my life right where I am.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## The Morning Message

Reverend Brian Snyder

### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

*The Family and Friends of Richard Knight*

Carol Miles

Marilyn's Brother • Deb Reitz

John Ridgeway • Wayne Greenfield

Paula McCooney • Heather Whaley

Donald Frost • Dan Conway • Bev Commings

Kevin Bellville • Carol Merritt • Annie Grant

Mary Hesford • Norm Kepner • Gary Peterson

Shaun Hull • Elaine LaCelle • Mark Freedon

Burt Goodnough • Dick Bryant • Stanley Kepner

Phillip Seymour • Phoebe Wheeler • George Steven

Stanley Perzan • Jarod Eldridge • George Seymour

John Shatraw • Beverly Snyder • Bonnie VanDyke

**MISSIONS:** Rev. Jim and Karen Pickett, Mozambique Africa

**ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL**

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, December 8, 2024**

***Greeters:*** Steve Berkman / Brooke Snyder

***Security:*** Fred Poole / Stephanie Gillette / Wayne Davis

**Monday, December 2, 6:00 PM:** Ladies Bible Study—starting a new book, “Experiencing the Heart of Jesus” by Max Lucado on Jan. 6

**Tuesday, December 3, 9:00 AM:** Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:00-7:30 PM:** Grief Sharing Program

**Wednesday, December 4, 6:00-7:30 PM:** Activ8Her Chapter Mtg.

**Saturday, December 7, 10-3:00 PM:** Christmas Bazaar

**Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM:** Packing Christmas Care Boxes, empty shoeboxes are needed. Sign-up at welcome desk to bring food.

**Tuesday, December 17, 9:00 AM:** Friendship Shop Gift wrapping day at United Methodist Church, please bring your unwrapped gifts to church by Sunday, Dec. 15. (ages infants-18 years)

## Putting Your Hope In Jesus

Hope for Help—We are invited to come to him and confidently ask for help. Hebrews 4:16 tell us, “to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in our time of need”.

Hope to Overcome—Things that leave one feeling powerless and hopeless come in many forms. With Christ's strength you can overcome great obstacles, and faith in Jesus gives hope and help to overcome: “and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith” (1John 5:4).

Hope for Power— Sometimes in life we find ourselves with a task that simply looks too big for us. We do not just need a cup of God's strength added to our own; rather, we need this strength in us to do what we need to do. He will give it! 2 Corinthians 12:9 says: “My grace is sufficient for you; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” Seeing our weakness as the entry point of God's strength gives access to his power!

Hope for Eternity— When we put our faith and hope in Jesus, it not only gives us help, strength and power for where we walk today, but it also give us hope for life after death. It is a confident expectation of the ultimate “tomorrow”.

The God of Hope sent his Son to be our Savior. He is only one prayer away. If you want the confident expectation of his strength and wisdom in your today and his help and hope for your tomorrow, you need only ask so that you may overflow with hope. “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:3).

# HOPE

HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED  
BY HIS GRACE,  
WE MIGHT BECOME HEIRS  
HAVING THE **HOPE**  
OF ETERNAL LIFE

*TITUS 3:7*