

Authorities we want to remember specifically in prayer

MO US House of Rep District 5 – Emmanuel Cleaver II
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Emergency Weather Response

From December through March, if temperatures are predicted to be 20 degrees or below overnight (via weather.com), the Continuum of Care will activate a Free Warming Center Response to provide safe sleeping accommodations for the night. To locate the nearest warming center, call the hotline number at 636-395-0492.

Transportation services may be available.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook posts and share this information with anyone in need or those who help serve them.

2023 Point in Time Count

The Annual Point in Time Count is scheduled for Wednesday January 25, 2023. Volunteers are needed to help:

- Go out in teams to talk to our neighbors experiencing homelessness.
- Make phone calls to touch base with those who have utilized Coordinated Entry in the past.
- Donate needed items (i.e. socks, granola bars, toiletries, gloves, and hats).

For more information, please email Bill Weisrock at tulsabillw@gmail.com or Rebecca Splain at rsplain@stchlibrary.org

Your support helps the TriCounty Continuum of Care fulfill requirements from HUD and to keep in touch with our homeless neighbors.



FAITH COVENANT MINISTRIES

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Purpose Statement:

We exist to glorify God by serving as a conduit for the grace of God whereby faith the Love, Life, Lordship and Leadership of the Kingdom of Heaven is revealed and expanded to all nations.

Mission Statement:

We desire to be a multi-cultural, multi-generational conduit of the grace of God to be used to fulfill our purpose, for the glory of God.

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 430
St. Charles, MO 63302
636-373-9001

Weekly Corporate Gatherings:

Sunday Worship Service- 10:00 AM
Discipleship Groups (times vary)

Staff:

Rev. Michael Hammond, Sr. - President & Senior Pastor
Rose Hammond- Receptionist

Order of Worship
Sunday, December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Congregation responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice. Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5(NASB)

(prayer) O God, as we faithfully await the birth of your son, Jesus let us be glad and rejoice. In our families and our schools and in our lives. Help us to share the joy of Christ's love with others. Amen

Worship in Song (click on the song title for a YouTube track)

[Hallelujah Chant](#) [Cornerstone](#) [Build My Life](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Oh Immanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Immanuel with us once again. Amen

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank You Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Worship in Song: Hymn of the Month

[Go Tell It On The Mountain](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

Scripture Reading: James 5:7-11 (NASB95)

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word (reflection)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-15

Sermon (10:30 a.m.) <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

Confession & Prayer of Repentance

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

Holy Lord, in this time of Advent, we confess we are often distracted by the season's busyness, by the stress of commitment, and even by putting our own traditions ahead of the true meaning of Christmas. We confess we also often prefer being sentimental to being sacrificial. Forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing You in our midst, for all the times we have doubted Your presence, and for all the times we have failed to hold the holidays as holy days. Pour peace into our lives and let us be bearers of Your peace to others. Remind us that this is a season of waiting and preparation for the greatest Gift of all. We open our hearts to You, O God and we confess

(Personal quiet confession)

Father, you have heard our confessions. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. And we all agree by saying, **Amen**

Words of Comfort & Affirmation

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 KJV)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory be to God! Amen

