

ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2017

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME 8:45 Lindsey Blackwell 11:00 Glenn Patterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE “Love Has Come” Mazzatenta AUMC Bells

* LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH/CALL TO WORSHIP

[using Psalm 85]

Please respond with the words in bold

God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it.

You created all things and called them good.

The LORD God is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

All the creatures that walk or swim, crawl or fly sing praises to you.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us that the day of the LORD will come on God’s beloved creation.

Light two candles.

Let us pray: **Spirit, speak the Word. Speak the word to us as we worship and we will listen.**

All [sung]: “Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

* HYMN NO. 206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY “Comfort Ye/Every Valley” Handel
Thomas O’Neill

* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* †HYMN NO. 2233 “Where Children Belong”
*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the
worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup,
prayer and song: this is where children belong.*

†CHILDREN’S TIME Brittani Clayman

* HYMN NO. 2089 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:10-15 Pew Bible p. 1481

*Mark 1:1-5 Pew Bible p. 1214-1215

†ANTHEM “The Wilderness Shall Bloom” Lantz

SERMON “The Day of the Lord Will Come”
The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

TIME OF PRAYER

† Call to Prayer “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

AMEN.

* HYMN NO. 213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

* BENEDICTION

* SONG OF BLESSING “Go Now in Peace” Price and Besig
Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

† 11:00 a.m. service only

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, December 10

8:45 a.m. Contemporary: Glenn Patterson

8:45 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

11:00 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Troy and Amanda Nichols

Acolytes: Elizabeth Nichols and Ainsley Richmond

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team A

Offering Stewards: Frank and Carol Sims

Children’s Church: Brittani Clayman

Flowers: Poinsettias

Sound: Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

Photographer: Bobby Bolling

Sunday, December 17

8:45 a.m. Contemporary: Rev. Robert Countiss

8:45 a.m. Traditional: Glenn Patterson

11:00 a.m. Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: David and Betsy Jones

Acolytes: Lucy and Carter Withers

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team B

Offering Stewards: Roger and Ellen Reynolds

Children’s Church: Brittani Clayman

Flowers: Poinsettias

Communion is observed in the Contemporary Service

Our Communion offering is going to Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Glenn Patterson, Director of Music

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

Sean Collier, Music Intern

Suzanne Rankin, Program Director

Brittani Clayman, Director of Students

Michele Carpenter, Office Manager

Bill Gibson, Contemporary Music Director

Moises Martinez, Student Intern

Kitty McCormick, Infant Nursery Worker

Jessica Hawks, Infant Nursery Worker

Wendy Long, Toddler Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

Lectionary for December 17

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Dec. 10 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
 8:45 a.m. Traditional Service
 9:45 a.m. Kidstuff
 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church
 2:00 p.m. Penny Howard Birthday Party
 4:00 p.m. Youth Meet to go to FIA and then
 to their Progressive Dinner

Mon. Dec. 11 7:10 a.m. Youth Breakfast Club at McDonald’s
 9:30 a.m. Our Turn at Faith In Action
 9:30 a.m. Lake Perry Wesley at Feeding America
 11:00 a.m. ENCORE leaves for Overnight Trip

Tues. Dec. 12 10:00 a.m. Response Circle at Kate Garrett’s home
 11:30 a.m. Lake Perry Wesley Circle at Shoney’s
 3:00 p.m. ENCORE returns from Overnight Trip
 6:30 p.m. Wow Circle at Amanda Nichols’ home
 6:30 p.m. Scouts

Wed. Dec. 13 6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast JMH
 10:30 a.m. Faith Lift
 5:15 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Children’s Christmas Play
 7:00 p.m. Choir

ADVENT AT AUMC

December 13: The Children’s Christmas Play at 6:30 p.m.
 December 17: The Choir Cantata during the 11:00 a.m. Service
 December 24: 10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols
 (Pastries and fellowship at 9 a.m.)
 7:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service
 9:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve Service
 December 31: 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service
 (Appetizers and fellowship after the service)

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Would you like to have a standing Reservation?: Yes

**MENU: Baked Chicken, mac and cheese, green beans,
 bread, salad, dessert. Krew #1**

Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.

PRAYER LIST

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any corrections, updates or additions you may have.

Prayer List: Carol Brunty, Bill Graves, Wanda Miller, Sue Ann Morris, Emily Peltzer, Jewel Rhea (Martha Little), June Smith

Treatment Pending/Continuing: Conner Bartz (Sandra Jonas), Rusty Cline, Dorothy DeBord, June Donch (Marsha Demase), Mike Ferrell, Ellee Large (Becky Matney), Ann Johnson (Kendall Johnson), French Moore, Jr., Audrey Salazar (Roger and Alta Edwards)

Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities: Harry Arnold, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Carol Hearl, Bob Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Annabelle Keener, Charlie Krum, Jan Thrasher, Mae Turner, Mary Ruth Vaught (Judy Casey’s mother), Madge Via, Gene Widener, Millie Woody

CANNED FOOD FOR ADVENT

During the Advent Season you can donate money in memory or in honor of someone toward Faith in Action, the local food pantry. Envelopes for Faith in Action donations are located in the Sanctuary and around the church. The deadline for donations is December 17, 2017 and we ask for a minimum of \$15.00 per donation. On Sunday, December 24 we will list the memorials and honorariums for Faith in Action as well as the poinsettia dedications.



You are invited to a celebration of
Penny Howard's 90th birthday

Today 2 -4 pm
 in the Church Fellowship Hall
 No gifts, please.

JAIL MINISTRY FOR CHRISTMAS

As we have done in the past, our church’s Jail Ministry is supporting the Chaplain at the Abingdon Regional Jail in his efforts to make Christmas a bit more like Christmas for the jail’s 850 inmates. Gifts may be dropped off outside of the church office. Questions may be directed to June Hagy 276-644-1087 or Roger Edwards 276-698-1349.

Approved Gift Items: Snack size candy bars – Milky Way, Twix, Snickers, Reese Cup; 15 oz. Suave shampoo (conditioner not accepted); bars of soap (body wash not accepted); 1.3 oz. toothpaste; postage stamps (to be used by inmates to mail Christmas cards)

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