

ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

8:45 Lindsey Blackwell
11:00 The Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE Lisa Withers, D.M.A.

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Psalm 25)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead and teach me your truth and salvation;

Your mercy and steadfast love have been from of old.

We light the first candle of Advent to know the message of the trees.

The green of leaves and needles remind us of your changeless nature:

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.

* HYMN UMH 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

During the singing of the hymn the paraments are placed on the pulpit and lectern.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OFFERTORY

* ADVENT DOXOLOGY (Tune: O Tannenbaum)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.

Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN UMH 196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

During the singing of the hymn greenery will be added to the windows.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pew Bible p. 965

*Luke 21:25-31 Pew Bible p. 1281-1282

* HYMN UMH 202 “People, Look East”

During the singing of the hymn poinsettias will be placed by the pulpit and lectern.

SERMON

“The Tree’s Message”

The Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Liturgist: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and earnestly repent of their sin, therefore let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

* HYMN (Printed on Insert) “Christ Be Our Light” vs 1-3, 5

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Christ Be Our Light” Refrain

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

“UMH” — United Methodist Hymnal

Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all.

If you wish to receive Communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

If you prefer a gluten-free option, it is available on the right side.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:45 Contemporary: Rev. Glenn Patterson

8:45 Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

11:00 Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Tom and Allison Cook

Acolytes: Erin Johnson and Lucy Withers

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team Communion

Assisting with Communion: The Richmonds

Offering Steward: Kate Garrett

Flowers: Poinsettias

No Children’s Church

Communion is celebrated in both Traditional Services.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:45 Contemporary: Rev. Robert Countiss

8:45 Traditional: Rev. Glenn Patterson

11:00 Traditional: Rev. Robert Countiss

Greeters: Joe and Veita Lyle

Acolytes: Josie Thiessen and Elizabeth Nichols

Ushers for Traditional Worship: Team A

Offering Stewards: Roger and Ellen Reynolds

Flowers: Poinsettias

Children’s Church: Brittani Clayman

Communion will be observed in the Contemporary Service.

The Communion Offering will go to Project Crossroads.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Rev. Glenn Patterson, M.F.A., Associate Pastor

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

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

Wendy Long, Toddler Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Dec. 2 8:45 a.m.....Contemporary Service
 8:45 a.m..... Traditional Worship
 9:45 a.m.....Kidstuff
 9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School
 9:45 a.m..... Youth Sunday School
 11:00 a.m..... Traditional Worship
 No Children’s Church
 No Youth

Tues. Dec. 4 7:00 a.m..... Youth Breakfast
 1:00 p.m..... UMW Installation of Officers
 6:30 p.m..... Scouts

Wed. Dec. 5 6:30 a.m..... Men’s Prayer Breakfast JMH
 5:15 p.m.....Dinner
 6:10 p.m.....Bells
 6:15 p.m..... Christmas Play Rehearsals for kids/youth
 7:00 p.m..... Choir

ADVENT AT AUMC

- Hanging of the Greens on December 2 at 11 a.m.
- Children’s Christmas Play on December 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Cantata on December 23 at 11 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Services
 (Contemporary at 5 p.m.; Traditional at 7 p.m.)
- 5th Sunday Service on December 31 at 10:30 a.m.
 (light breakfast provided at 9:45 a.m.)

CANNED FOOD FOR ADVENT

We are still accepting donations for Faith in Action in memory or in honor of someone for the Advent Season. Envelopes for Food Pantry orders are located in the sanctuary and around the church. Money for Faith in Action will be taken until December 16, 2018 and we ask for a minimum of \$15 per donation. On Sunday, December 23 we will list the Memoriams and/or Honorees selected for the poinsettias and donations for Faith in Action.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
 DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Would you like to have a standing reservation?: Yes

MENU: Barbecue chicken, hashbrown casserole, baked beans, salad, bread and dessert. Krew #3

Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.
 Cost is \$7 per person, \$4 for children and \$17 family max.

THE PRAYER LIST

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, weeks. Please let us know of any corrections updates or additions you may have.

New Request: Jon Seay (Becky Matney), Ashlan Frye

Condolences to VT Carr and family in the death of Ruth on November 29, 2018.

Prayer List: Ginny Barker, Peggy Donaldson, Janice Doss (Susan Howard), Cindy Farmer, Wendy Long, Mae Turner, Angee Waites, Ted White

Treatment Pending/Continuing: Mike Ferrell, David Harris (Lewis and Lillian Spicer), Ellee Large (Becky Matney), Juanita McBride (Peggy Kennedy), French Moore, Jr., Audrey Salazar (Roger and Alta Edwards), Strother Smith

Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities: Harry Arnold, Daisy Campbell, VT Carr, Lovis Countiss, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Bill Ferguson, Carol Hearl, Penny Howard, Louise King, Martha Snyder, Mae Turner, Gene Widener, Millie Woody

CHRISMON STORIES SHARED AT CHILDREN’S TIME

Children (and the child within all of us) will learn about our Chrismon Tree on three consecutive Sundays, Dec. 9th, 16th and 23rd. The story of the first Chrismon Tree, and explanation of the Chrismons themselves, will be shared by Brittani Clayman and Marsha Demase.

JAIL MINISTRY

The Good News Jail Ministry is asking our church to provide 200 bottles of shampoo (15 or 16 oz.) to help fill Christmas Gift bags for the inmates. (No conditioner.) The deadline is December 18. Cash donations are always welcome – please mark your check “Jail Ministry”. There is a basket outside the church office for the shampoo donations. ****Note:** Reading material is no longer accepted at the jail – we will no longer be collecting reading materials at the church.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

EVERY DAY + FOR CHRIST

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Total Cards Received: 56

**Total dollar amount:
 \$279,987**

**Number of Days Covered for 2019
 170**

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