

**11:00 am Worship**

**December 8, 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent**

*The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude** *O Come, O Come Emanuel* Noah Gilstrap

**Invocation** Beckey Youngblood

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #171

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** The Hall Family

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
**for he has shown favor and redeemed his people.**  
He has raised up a Savior in the house of his servant David,  
**as spoken on the lips of his holy prophets of old.**  
He has shown mercy to us and remembered his holy covenant.  
**We will serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.**  
The tender mercy of God will dawn on high and visit us with salvation.  
**It will shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**  
Christ is coming to guide our feet in the way of peace.  
**Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

**Choral Response** *(see special insert)*  
*Christ, Be Our Light* Chancel Choir  
Paisley Moore - soloist

**\*Affirmation of Faith: *The Nicene Creed*** #693  
*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

**Cont.**

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. \*means universal*

**\*Gloria Patri**  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* #168

**Children’s Moment**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music** *A Celtic Christmas* Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

**Message** “Mary’s Story” Rev. Clint McBroom  
*The Wonder Of It All, Luke 1:26-38*

**\*Hymn of Invitation** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #163

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Noah Gilstrap

*\*please stand as you are able*

**Sign-Ups**

Name(s):

**MISSION MINISTRIES NEEDS  
Mission House**

**Items needed:**  
Hygiene Products for men & woman  
• Men’s pants sizes 30-36

**ACTS**  
**Items needed:**  
• 2 lb. bags of cornmeal and flour

**BACKPACK MINISTRY**  
• Waters • Juice boxes • SpaghettiOs  
• Chef Boyardee • Beanee Weenee  
• Mac & Cheese  
(easy breakfast & lunch items)

*You can place all mission items in the collection bins by the Coke machine in the downstairs hallway or bring to office.*

Welcome!  
We're glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

## Prayer Requests

## Announcements

### Sunday, December 8

4:00 pm - Hand Bell Rehearsal, *bell room*

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal, *choir room*

5-6:30 pm - Youth & Kids -*check group Facebook pages for details*

### Wednesday, December 11

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Mission House Open

No Regular Wednesday night activities

Youth & Children Check, *check group Facebook pages for details*

### Thursday, December 12

6:00 pm – Home Supper Club

### CHILD OF LIGHT - DECEMBER 15, 5:00 PM

Our Christmas program will include Scripture readings and traditional music of the season as the Nativity story is portrayed through shadow theatre.

### LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WORSHIP SERVICE

Are you or someone you know finding the holiday season difficult this year? We invite you to join us for "The Longest Night of the Year" Worship Service on Wednesday, December 18 at 6 PM, held in the sanctuary. This service, sometimes called a "Blue Christmas" service, is designed to offer comfort and hope to those experiencing grief, loss, or hardship during the season. It's a time to acknowledge the challenges we face while seeking God's healing presence and peace. Come as you are, and invite others who may need a gentle reminder that they are not alone. For more information, please contact the church at (334) 283-2195.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM

Join us for a traditional Christmas Eve service. This service will close with Holy Communion, candle lighting and singing of "Silent Night."

### COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE - DECEMBER 29, 10:00 AM

Begin the new year with John Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service at 10 AM in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to start 2025 with a time of self-examination, reflection, and dedication, wholly giving ourselves to God. Sunday school classes will meet at 9 AM.

### ADOPT A MILITARY FAMILY OF A SOLDIER IN ISRAEL

Christmas is not only a hard time for our active military personnel, but also for the families left behind. Our church is collecting donations to provide the spouse with a \$100 gift card to purchase food, gifts, or whatever they may need during this holiday season. If anyone would like to adopt a family or donate, contributions can be made via Visa gift cards, cash, checks, or Venmo (@Ann-Addeo) before December 9. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

### Financial Update – December 8

Contributions

Last week \$ 7,245

Needed each week \$ 8,300

YTD Contributions \$ 388,036

YTD Expenses \$ 379,947

Difference \$ 8,089

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"Mary's Story"

Luke 1:26–38