

11:00 am Worship
December 15, 2024 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Kelley Hill

Invocation Wendi Bearden

***Hymn of Praise** *Angels We Have Heard on High* #191

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Weldon Family

God is our salvation!

We will trust in him and not be afraid;

The Lord of Salvation is our strength and song!

Look up and rejoice!

Draw water out of the wells of salvation.

The Lord of Joy is our strength and song!

Give thanks to God! Call on his name!

The Lord of Might is our strength and song!

Declare his works among the people that his name is exalted!

The Lord of Wisdom is our strength and song!

Sing to the Lord, for he has done excellent things! Let this be known in all the earth!

The Lord of Righteousness is our strength and song!

Cry aloud and shout, people of God,
for Christ, the King of kings, is coming to save us.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Choral Response *(see special insert)*

Christ, Be Our Light

Chancel Choir

Lea Clark - 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.

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** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* #194

Children's Moment

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *Ding, Dong, The Christmas Bells are Ringing*
Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Message "The Shepherds" Rev. Clint McBroom
The Wonder Of It All, Luke 2:8-20

***Hymn of Invitation** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #190

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Kelley Hill

**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 15

5:00 pm - Child of Light

Wednesday, December 18

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

6:00 pm - Longest Night of the Year Service

CHILD OF LIGHT - Tonight at 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.

LEARNING TREE CHRISTMAS

If you sponsored a Learning Tree child this Christmas, please have their presents turned in to the church office by December 18th.

Financial Update – December 15

Contributions

Last week \$ 11,023

Needed each week \$ 8,300

YTD Contributions \$ 399,059

YTD Expenses \$ 384,098

Difference \$ 14,961

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