

## WORSHIP AND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m..... Library Open  
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m..... Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m..... Haitian Worship in the Chapel

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**

9:00 a.m..... Monetary Committee  
Church Office Closes after Monetary Committee  
5:30 p.m..... **Christmas Eve Communion Service**  
8:00 p.m..... A.A. & Al-Anon Meetings

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Church Office Closed

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

Church Office Closed  
No Evening Activities

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

4:00 p.m. .... Soup Kitchen

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m..... Morning Worship, Sanctuary  
1:00 p.m..... Haitian Worship in the Chapel

### **Our Worship Leaders**

Dr. Ray Ammons, Senior Pastor

Miss Lauren McCollister, Minister of Music & Director of Children's Ministry

Mrs. Jean Hatch, Instrumentalist

December 23, 2018 11:00 AM

Gathering in Worship

PRELUDE.....Adult Choir

*“Ring the Bells”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP..... Adult Choir

*“Light of Hope”*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

OF FULFILLMENT .....Justin, Kristen, Ryan & Logan Spell

Luke 2:8-14

Leader: This candle we light today helps us remember that Jesus Christ is the light of the world and in him we find fulfillment.

**People: Let this light of love shine upon us.**

CHORAL RESPONSE .....Congregation & Adult Choir

*“Light of life, Maker of day, gather our shadows and cast them away. Beacon of truth, gleaming and bright, shine in our hearts, shatter our night.”*

ADVENT PRAYER ..... Dr. Ray Ammons

O Holy God, lead us out of the prison of our sin and into the freedom of your saving love. Lead us out of darkness into the light of your saving grace. Lead us from the shadow of death into the promise of eternal life. Like the Bethlehem shepherds, may we hasten to you. In the loving name of Jesus who taught us to pray . . . (The Lord’s Prayer)

\*CAROL MEDLEY .....GLORIA

*“The First Nowell”, “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”,  
“Angels We Have Heard On High”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ..... Amy Spell

\*CAROL OF DEDICATION NO. 93..... CAROL

*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sharing Gifts

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY MEDITATION .....arr. Wagner

*“Rise Up Shepherd ”*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 89 ..... ADESTE FIDELIS

*“O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.”*

Proclaiming the Word

VOCAL MEDITATION..... Jake Matthews

*“Mary, Did You Know?”*

MORNING PRAYER

MESSAGE..... Dr. Ray Ammons

*“It is Advent. Can They Hear Us Singing?”*

Luke 1:46-48, 52

Responding in Service

\*CAROL OF COMMITMENT NO. 95 ..... GO TELL IT

*“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Leader: Our Savior came from the heart, mind, and soul of God. He entered a world of chaos, strife, fear, and sin. Christ walked dusty paths and busy streets teaching, healing, and sowing love.

**People: Christ was obedient, sacrificial, and self-less with his eyes fixed on God and his heart in tune to our needs.**

Leader: Christ lived the kingdom among us and now waits ready for us to embrace and to live the way of love.

**People: O God, lead us to seek your love. May we allow the light of Christ to glow in the discipline of obedience and compassion. May our eyes be fixed on You and our hearts be in tune with one another.**

\*POSTLUDE..... arr. Hopson

*“Joy to the World”*

*\*All are invited to stand, but please feel free to remain seated if you wish.*

## In the Hospital

### Our Church Family

Ed Bissette, Ann Boyette, Lee Brown, Jeanne Hobbs, Carolyn Kennedy, Mary Poole, Nettie Sue Pope, Keith Powell, Becky Todd, Doug & Faye S. Warren

### Homebound

Joe Butler Terry Penny  
John Daly Juanita Rich  
Leslie Godwin Frances Tart  
Jane Kaleel Margie Woodall  
Vara Matthis

### Nursing Home

Glenda Bunker, Southwood 210  
Willa Dean House, Mary Gran 201  
R.J. Underwood, Mary Gran 211  
Willie Ruth Watson, Mary Gran 704  
Edna Bass, Warsaw Nursing & Rehab Rm. 10  
Carla Goodwin, Cypress Point Rehab, Wilmington

### Extended Family and Friends

**Savannah Bailey** (Ricky & Tenna Autry's great-niece)

**Danny Baldwin** (Lee Brown's brother-in-law)

**Lynn Phillips Cheadle** (Steve and Johnny Kaleel's cousin)

**Cindy Cumbo** (Fred & Judy Cumbo's daughter-in-law)

**Hilda Draughon** (Jeff Draughon's wife)

**Tommy Glover** (Delton Glover's father)

**Hilda Lambert** (Donald Wrench's sister)

**David Manning** (Gina Hamilton's father)

**Lloyd & Jane McGowan** (Amela Sutton's parents)

**Pamela Medford**

**Zack Millican** (Becky Todd's nephew)

**Betty Lou Palmer** (Lee Brown's aunt)

**Isabella Salazar-Flores** (4 years old)

**Holly Thornton** (daughter of Mike & Barbara Shook)

**Our Soup Kitchen Ministry**

**Tim's Gift Ministry**

### MONETARY COMMITTEE

**Dec. 24** Kay Richardson, Teresa Underwood, Mary Ann Hobbs

**Dec. 31** Ann Merritt, Tenna Autry, Carolyn Wrench

### GREETERS

**Dec. 23** Jeanne Hobbs & Louise Warren

**Dec. 30** Donald & Carolyn Wrench

### NURSERY

**Dec. 23 11:00 a.m.**  
Jim & Bonnie Matthews, Taylor Spell

**Dec. 30 11:00 a.m.**  
Alta & Bill Starling

### MEALS ON WHEELS

**Monday, December 24**

Holiday

**Wednesday, December 26**

Holiday

### Food Pantry

We are currently collecting **Rice and Jelly** for the food pantry.

Please bring your items **by Monday, January 14.**

### Upcoming Birthdays

Dec. 23 Will Starling  
Dec. 24 Mary Ann Hobbs  
Shari Parker  
Dec. 25 Isabell Downing  
Dec. 27 Zeke McCullen  
Dec. 28 Al Roderick  
Justin Lee  
Dec. 29 Jerry Hatch  
Dec. 31 CeCe Hudson  
Spencer Lamb

## Christmas Eve Service

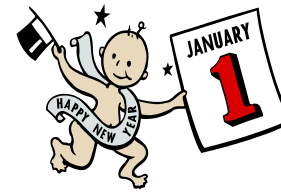
Don't forget our Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



### New Year's Lunch

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall  
Cost: \$3. Sign up outside the church office ASAP!



### Holiday Schedule

Monday, **December 24**: Church Office closes at noon

Tuesday, **December 25**: Church Office Closed

Wednesday, **December 26**: Church Office Closed  
No Evening Activities

Tuesday, **January 1**: Church Office Closed

Wednesday, **January 2**: No Evening Activities

### Condolences

The pastor and church family express deepest sympathy to the families of Tim Harris and Lindsay Peterson.

### Poinsettias

Any who desire to take their poinsettia they purchased home may do so after the worship service today.

### Year-End Gifts

Please remember that year-end gifts to the church must be in to the church office or postmarked by December 31 in order to count as a 2018 contribution. This is in accordance with IRS regulations.