

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Setting W. Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Brooks and Janet Sheldon

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Henry Klar, Liturgist

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

People: The promise of God will be fulfilled.

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

***HYMN #174 vss. 1,3,4**

“Lift up Your Heads”

Weissel/Calkin

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. (time for silent confession) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

*HYMN #173

“O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

J.D. Falk

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came”

Arr. H.H. Hopson

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID’S CHURCH (*5th grade and younger*)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM

“Angels Are Making Their Rounds”

P. Choplin

SECOND READING:

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

“Not the Kind Kind of Love”

Dr. Walker

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . .

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

*HYMN #171

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Latin Hymn

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”

J.C. Bach

(*) *We stand as we are able.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Sara Strickland on her 20th birthday.*

Michael, Elizabeth and Andrew Strickland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!!! Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. ADVENT FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 4 at 5 p.m. SOUP & SANDWICHES

Sunday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. TREE LIGHTING SERVICE

Monday, December 5 at 7 a.m. BACON & BIBLES (6th-9th graders)

Monday, December 5 at 10 a.m. PW BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 7 at Noon FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7 at 4 p.m. PRAYER SHAWL

Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER with Serenaders

Thursday, December 8 - OFFICE will close at 2 p.m.

Friday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRIP

Sunday, December 11 at 8:30 a.m. DEACON'S MEETING

final deacon's meeting, all past & present deacons invited to attend

Sunday, December 11 at 11 a.m. CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 p.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. PW EVENING CIRCLE

Tuesday, December 13 at 10 a.m. PW MORNING CIRCLE

Tuesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. SESSION MEETING

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS WATCH SUPPER

Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. YOUTH PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Monday, December 19 at 5:30 p.m. CORNERSTONES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 24 at 6 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE service

Please remember to submit your end-of-the-year donations by Wednesday, December 28.

2023 FLOWER CHART

Holly Beard is working on the 2023 flower chart. If you are interested in a particular Sunday, please call or text her at 229-798-0669. First come, first serve.

These dates are still available: Jan. 29; April 30; June 4; Aug. 13 & 27; Sept. 3; and Oct. 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Beth Bates

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Richard Garcia

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHEDULE

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: **Monday, December 5 at 10 a.m.**

In the Vereen Parlor. *Also, we will be decorating tables for WATCH.*

EVENING CIRCLE: **Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m.** at the Chandler's, 135 Southlake Dr.

MORNING CIRCLE: **Tuesday, December 13 at 10 a.m.** In the Vereen Parlor

THE GIVING TREE DEADLINE IS DEC. 15th

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the **Giving Tree** mission project to benefit residents of Colquitt Garden Manor. On the Giving Tree in the fellowship hall, each ornament has a Christmas wish list for one of the residents. To participate, unclip a resident's list from the tree ornaments on the tree then sign your name by the name of the resident you chose on the men's or women's list by the tree. Please bring your wrapped gift(s) to the church by **Wed., Dec. 15** and be sure to attach a label to your gift with your wish-list resident's name. Please mark your name off the list beside the tree.

DONATE TO THE FOOD BANK AT ADVENT FEST

The Helping Hands Box in the Fellowship Hall will benefit the Food Bank for the next few months. As you might imagine, the Food Bank has experienced increase volume in the past year. Monetary donations are encouraged as they allow the Food Bank to purchase food in bulk from Second Harvest for pennies on the dollar. However, cereal and jelly in squeeze bottle are not currently available through Second Harvest. ***During the next few weeks, please consider adding your donations of cereal and jelly to the Helping Hands box next Sunday at the Advent Festival.***

Please make your reservation for WATCH SUPPER (Wed., 5:30 p.m.)

MENU for DECEMBER 7, 2022

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Beef Roast/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, Rolls, Orange Fluff, Fresh Fruit

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables

DESSERTS: Heath Bar Brownie Trifle, Pina Colada Trifle, Strawberry Trifle, Cookies, Ice Cream

Name/Family: _____

Permanent Reservation: _____ This week only: _____

How many? Regular _____ Diet: _____ Children: _____

Celebrate Advent

Advent Festival ★ 3 p.m. Sun., Dec. 4
5 p.m. *soup & sandwiches*

Tree Lighting ★ 5:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 4

Serenaders at WATCH ★ 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 7

Cornerstones Lights Trip ★ 4:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 9

Christmas Cantata ★ 11 a.m. Sun., Dec. 11

Christmas WATCH Supper ★ 5:30 p.m. Wed., Dec. 14

Youth Progressive Dinner ★ 5 p.m. Sun., Dec. 18

Cornerstones Christmas Party ★ 5:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 19

Christmas Eve Worship Service ★ 6 p.m. Sat., Dec. 24



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To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are lonely and need friendship, to all who are glad and would serve others, to all who are complacent and need disturbing, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its door in the name of Christ, and bids you welcome.