

**Byars-Cobbs Memorial
United Methodist Church**

First Sunday of Advent *Color: Blue*

David Sheffield, Organist Michael Sheffield, Choir Director
Elizabeth Belcher, Pianist Lee Anne Lester, Co-Choir Director

Order of Worship

December 1, 2013

Prelude
Call to Worship “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (Refrain) Choir

*Hymn “*Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming*” 216

*Congregational Greetings

Announcements
Congregational Celebrations and Concerns
Morning Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation “*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*” 213

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology

Special Music “*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*” Lee Anne Lester

BLESSING of the ADVENT WREATH

Loving God, Your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth Your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May Your light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (*Insert*)

BLESSING OF THE CRISMON TREE (*Insert*)

*Scripture Reading *Luke 1:26-38* Pastor Paul

Sermon *“A SEASON TO REJOICE!”*

*Hymn of Commitment “*Go Tell It on the Mountain*” 251

*Benediction
*Choral Response “*Three-Fold Amen*” Choir

*Postlude
*Congregation Standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet *this* Wednesday, December 4, at 11:30 a.m. for the annual Christmas Dinner and Program.

Bible Study

Remember *Bible Study* this Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m

Fellowship Meal

The Fellowship Meal will be held on Sunday, December 15 immediately following Morning Worship.

Food Bank

We are accepting donations for our Children’s Christmas Fund and hams for the Glade Spring Food Bank. If you give a check, please make it payable to Byars-Cobbs UMC and write “Children’s Christmas Fund” or “Food Bank” in the Memo Line.

Candle Light Service

Our Christmas Eve *Candle Light Service* will be here on Tuesday, December 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Report for Sunday, November 24, 2013

Worship Service Attendance	40
Worship Service Offering	\$1,225.00
Hams for the Food Bank	\$ 58.00