

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

11:00AM

### We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

Lighting of the Advent Candle

\*Call To Worship

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v.1) UMH #211

O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

\*Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (v.1,2,&3) UMH #234

### We Praise God

\*Affirmation of Faith

"Apostles' Creed" UMH #881

\*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*Prayer after offering

Rev. Bryson Williams

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Children's Play

"New Stars"

\*Closing Hymn

"What Child Is This" UMH #219

\*Benediction

Rev. Bryson Williams

\*Benediction Response

"This Little Light of Mine" (v.1) UMH #585

## New Stars

The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day, they pour forth speech, night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words, no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:1-4

This is a traditional story from the point of view of the stars. The old stars tell the new stars about the First Christmas. Eventually it is revealed that the old stars were among the original Christmas stars which shone the night that Jesus was born. Along with the New Stars, you will learn that Jesus Christ is the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

### Act One

Old Star 1—Bailey Waters

New Star 2—Olivia Edwards

Gabriel—Jack Boland

Mary—RyLeigh Brunson

Song: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1st verse-Children's Choir

2nd verse-Presley Waldrep

### Act Two

New Star 2—Stone Hill

Old Star 2-Anna Sosebee

Song: *New Star/Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*

Group 1: Children's Choir

Group 2: Sophie Blackwell, Olivia Edwards, RyLeigh Brunson, Stone Hill

### Act Four

New Star 4-Raegen Garrett

Old Star 2-Anna Sosebee

Song: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Children's Choir

### Act Three

New Star 3-Raegen Garrett

Old Star 3-Presley Waldrep

Shepherd-Karson Hendrix

Angels-Abbi Garrett, Madelynn Sosebee

Song: *Joy to the World*

Bells: Sophie Blackwell, Abbi Garrett, RyLeigh Brunson, Anna Sosebee, Olivia Edwards, Jack Boland, Farrah Krass, Raegen Garrett

### Act Five

New Star 5-Farrah Krass

New Star 5-Sophie Blackwell

Old Star 1-Bailey Waters

Song: *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

Children's Choir

*Children's Choir: Farrah Krass, Raegen Garrett, Abbi Garrett, Sophie Blackwell, Josiah Tobin, Ana' Tobin, RyLeigh Brunson, Jack Boland, Lia Tobin, Anna Sosebee, Maddi Sosebee, Bailey Waters, Savannah Waters, Stone Hill, Dixie Johnson, Karson Hendrix, Olivia Edwards, Kaleb Edwards, Mini Wu, Nikki Wu, Presley Waldrep, Kaiden McAbee*

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Children's Christmas Program
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10	6:30PM	CrossFire
	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:00PM	Pre-school Christmas Program
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13	10:00AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15	9:00AM	Interval Training
	10:00AM	Pack Cupboard Christmas Boxes
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16	8:30AM	UMM Family Christmas Breakfast
	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, DEC. 2, 2018	
Sunday School	54
Worship	140
Offering	\$8,355.00
Received YTD	\$324,319.74
Needed YTD	\$323,964.96
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$354.78
Cemetery Fund (11/30/2018)	\$2,419.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$1,150.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$102,164.89

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, December 16
Zephaniah 3:14-20 - Philippians 4:4-7
Isaiah 12:2-6 - Luke 3:7-18

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Ann Edwards & Suzie Horn
Nursery Workers December 16	Karen Waldrep & Linette Garrett
Children's Church Today	Children's Program
Children's Church December 16	Kelle Waters & Sarah Boland
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher December 16	Rick Christopher



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### CHURCH STAFF:

*Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor*

*Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary*

*Katie Reckart, Music Director*

*Victoria Fowler, Pianist*

*Bill Lee, Organist*

*Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director*

*Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director*

*Debra Fowler, Custodian*

*Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries*

*Laura Williams, Preschool Director*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.**

**ON-GOING PRAYER-  
SHARON UMC FAMILY**

Ben Brockman  
Frank & Ruby Vaughn  
Roie Johnson  
Margaret DeYoung  
Dorothy McHugh  
Gregg Gowan  
Gerald & Ruth Snow  
Phyllis Brockman

Joyce Lee  
Beverly Cureton  
Johnny Wade  
**SHUT IN**  
Dora Edwards  
June Gossett  
J. B. Waddell

**ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS**

Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper  
Sandy Colter, friend of Janett Eason  
Earl Neely, friend of Ron King  
Mitch Mabee, friend of Clara Godfrey  
Kelli Cardoso, friend of Jackie & Ginger Floyd  
Doris Lewis, Linette Garrett's co-worker's mom  
Kay Hammett, Larry Bradley's sister  
Sharon Community Cupboard  
Sharon Christian Academy

**ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES**

Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson's sister
Wick DeYoung	Ken DeYoung's brother
David Rowland	Debi Hembree's brother

Family of Greg Pitillo, husband of Martha Johnson Pitillo and brother-in-law of Ann Edwards, Karen Landers and Nancy Morgan

**MISSIONARIES IN ACTION**

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap  
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

**MEMORIALS**

**Memorials for Al Boland:**

Kathy Wyss, Jimmy & Betty Mills, James & Cynthia Stewart, Don & Sandra Dillard, Pat & Phyllis Brockman, Steve & Shannon Hill, Bud & Dot DeYoung, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Ella Rose Lee, Dot McHugh,

**Memorials for Eric Wade:**

Kathy Wyss, Martha Swift, Elle Rose Lee, Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Dot McHugh, David & Jo Richey,

**Memorials for Sara Leonard:**

Ken & Darlene DeYoung, Dot McHugh

**Memorials for Brad Dailey:**

Dot McHugh

**Memorial for Vivian Eubanks:**

Dot McHugh

**Memorial for Vivian Edge:**

Ella Rose Lee

**Memorial for Betty Jean Brockman:**

Dot McHugh

**OUR MILITARY**

Erin Pennell  
Jonathan Houck  
Jamie Matekaitis

**FOOD COLLECTIONS:**

*Sharon's Community Cupboard*

Ramen noodles (packs)  
spaghetti noodles  
Yams  
cranberry sauce  
canned milk

**MISSION PRAYER FOCUS:** This week we pray for Cambodia. Cambodia obtained its independence in 1953, though was heavily affected by the war in neighboring Vietnam and by a communist insurgency movement known as the Khmer Rouge in 1975. Due to this, 75 percent of all teaching staff and 96 percent of university students were killed. The Khmer Rouge attempted to eradicate all religion: some 90 percent of Buddhist monks and nuns perished and an unknown number of Christians were killed. The Khmer Rouge declined rapidly in the mid-1990s and a coalition government was formed after national elections in 1998, which brought renewed political stability. Christianity came to Cambodia in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Several Independent churches were established during the twentieth century.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Last Sunday we received Ronnie & Sheila King into the membership of the Church. Ronnie and Sheila come to us by transfer of membership from Liberty UMC in Landrum. Please welcome the Kings into the church family.

**LUNCH TODAY:** Due to the weather the lunch after church today has been cancelled.

**UMM FAMILY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST:** The UMM will host their annual family Christmas breakfast on December 16 at 8:30AM. Hope to see everyone there.

**WELCOME:** Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

**NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN:** Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:** Our Christmas Eve Worship Service will be on December 24 at 5:00PM. This will be a casual, come as you are service. Members, family, friends and everyone in the community is invited.

**Sharon Christian Academy:** Our annual Christmas program will be on Monday, December 10 at 6:00pm in the Gym. All are welcome to come and experience the Christmas story told by our sweet children.

