

Service Of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Striking of the Hour

*Processional

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Give ear to us, O Shepherd of Israel, you lead us like a flock!

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine. Stir up your might and come and save us!

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Joyful! Joyful! We Adore Thee

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Children's Story Time

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

Symbolism Of The Advent Wreath:

The Sloan Griffin family

The wreath is round, with no beginning or end, testifying to the eternity of God's creation, of His love and care for mankind. The wreath is of evergreen, recalling that our faith, our hope, and our love are always alive when they spring from God and His Son. The candles represent the one who said, "I am the light of the world." There are four candles, each representing a Sunday in Advent, and a fifth candle, which is the Christmas candle.

The Lighting of The First Advent Candle

Song

Light A Candle In The Night (Hope)

Choir

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

CONGREGATION: Why do we light one candle?

Leader: This first candle reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had in their expectation of a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.

UNISON: Isaiah the Prophet wrote: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined."

*Hymn of Preparation

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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***UNISON PRAYER: Dear God, Our world is in darkness. We need the light of hope and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and our homes to receive the One who said, "I am the light of the world." We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Choral Response

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory

Doxology

Anthem

Choir

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Mr. Gary Bullock

* Hymn of Invitation

Only Believe

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*Benediction

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Extinguishing of the Candles of Worship

*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

*All who are able please stand

Welcome! We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 4st grade leave following the Offertory.

The Nativity Arrangement on the Altar today is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lawton and Mary Maddox.

Sunday: 9:30 Youth play practice

10:00 Sunday School

10:55 Worship Service

1:30 Choir Practice

Monday: 7:00 Cub Scouts

Tuesday: 9:30 Well Wishers leave to travel to the Rudy Theatre.

Wednesday: 6:00 Altos choir practice

7:00 Sopranos choir practice

7:30 Boy Scouts

Upcoming Dates:

December 15: 10:55 Choir Christmas Cantata

6:00 Children and Youth Christmas Program
December 19: 6:00 Caroling at the Eames Drive and Winslow Drive Housing Units

Beginning today, the Deacons will again offer the **Christmas Card Exchange** program for Shallow Well folks. Just bring your cards addressed to other Shallow Well attendees, and place them in the box in the Narthex. Then check the box each week to pick up cards addressed to you. There will be a jar for donations of postage that you saved and the proceeds will go to the Deacon's Fund to help those in need. This is a good way to wish your Church Family a very Merry Christmas.

We will be **going caroling** at Eames Drive and Winslow Drive Housing complexes on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00. We need you to help spread Christmas cheer. We give each residence a pound cake, candy for the children, and sing a Christmas carol. You will be blessed by spending an hour of your time this Christmas sharing the love of God. We will meet at the mailboxes at Eames Drive. If you would like to donate to help buy cakes the cost is \$1.00 per cake. You can give the money to Mary Griffin.

If you would like to give a **poinsettia** in honor or in memory of someone, please let Mary Griffin know by Sunday, December 8th. There are forms in the Narthex. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 15 and 22.

Memorials have been made to the Cemetery Fund in memory of **Betty Williams** by: Dawn and Monroe Morris, Faithful Followers SS Class, Teresa and Gary White, Faye and Tom Schulz, Lowell and Elaine Gunter, Carolyn Williamson, Jerry and Vera Batchelor, Wayne and Linda Barber, The Adult Choir at Mt. Herman Methodist Church; in memory of **Julia Cain** by; Carolyn Williamson.

Please remember **Breakfast with Santa** next Saturday (December 7). This is a Family Promise fundraiser. Tackets are \$5, with children under 2 eating free. Pancakes and fun at St. Luke UMC at 8:30 and 10:00.

Our **CUOC food of focus** this month is canned vegetables. Please place some in either the bin or the cart. Including personal hygiene items is a tremendous help.

We have our church-wide Christmas project launched and running. Please check the **angel tree** and the Outreach Mission tabke in the Narthex. We are running this to December 22.

Purchase a ticket or 5 for the raffle Outreach Mission is holding. See Earl Murphy for tickets to win the playhouse/she shed. Tickets are \$10.00. Drawing is Saturday, December 7 at 2:00.



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