

Service Of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Musical Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music *Graves Into Gardens*

Willie Bird

*Time of Greeting/Striking of the Hour

*Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let us thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to His children.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Children's Story Time

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

Symbolism Of the Advent Wreath:

The Currin 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

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

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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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.**

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

Morning Prayer

Special Music

Choir

Children depart for Children's Worship Time

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sermon

The Promise of Salvation

Dr. Etic Burmahl

WORSHIP THROUGH DEDICATION

Hymn of Invitation

10,000 Reasons

Willie Bird

Invitation Prayer

*Benediction

Choral Response

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*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 5th 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: 10:00 Sunday School

10:55 **Worship Service**

4:30-6:00 **Youth**

6:00 **Choir**

Monday: 7:00 Cub Scouts

Tuesday: 10:00 Learn and Lunch

7:00 **Board of Deacons meeting** – New Deacons are asked to attend.

Wednesday 6:30 Bible Study movie night

7:00 **Boy Scouts**

If you would like to give a **poinsettia** in honor or in memory of someone, please let Mary Griffin know by Sunday, December 11th. There are forms in the Narthex. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 18 and 25.

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.

There will be a **bus trip to Southern Supreme** on Wednesday, December 14th at 9:30. After shopping, the group will have lunch at Cafe Vesuvio. If you are interested in going, please contact Sharon Burmahl at 919-475-4805.

Memorials have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Jimmy Maddox** by Joshua and Lucas Rosser, and in memory of **Shirley Maddox Crissman** by Sammy Poe.



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