

## Service Of Worship

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 10, 2023**

Music Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Preparation: *Angels We Have Heard on High* #100

\*Time of Greeting/Striking of the Hour

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak. God speaks peace to the people.

**People: The Lord will always give what is good. And God's footsteps will show our way.**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Children's Story Time

### WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Kesley and Kolby Harrison

**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."

**PEOPLE: Why do we light two candles?**

**Leader:** The first candle reminds us of the hope of the prophets. The second candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable and the love surrounding the birth of the Christ child.

**UNISON: "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."**

**UNISON PRAYER: Dear God, help us to have room in our hearts and our homes for other people who need us. We thank you for friends and strangers who have received us when we were lonely, afraid, or tired. May we be ready to receive the love God offers us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Special Music Shannon Godfrey

### WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

Morning Prayer

Special Music Choir

*Children depart for Children's Worship Time*

Scripture

Sermon

*What the World Needs to Know*

Isaiah 9:2-7

Dr. Burmahl

### WORSHIP THROUGH DECICATION

\*Hymn of Invitation: *What Child is This?* #118

Invitation Prayer

\*Benediction

Choral Response

\*Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

\*Those 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.

**Sunday: 10:00 Sunday School.**

10:55 **Worship Service**

1:30 **Choir practice**

4:00 **Women of the Well** – Bring a snack and a \$5 gift

4:00 **Youth play practice**

**Monday: 7:00 Cub Scouts**

**Tuesday: 10:00 Learn and Lunch Bible Study**

**Wednesday: 6:30 Bible Study Movie Night**

6:30 **Youth play practice**

7:00 **Boy Scouts**

**Thursday: 4:30 Well Wishers** are going to Dunn to eat and afterwards will visit the Meadows

Light Show and Candy Store. Let Patricia or Larry know at 919-356-2037 by

Tuesday if you would like to go.

**Next Sunday: 6:00 Children's Program** – Please bring a snack to share after the program in the Fellowship Hall after the program. There will be a special guest there.

The **Christmas Card Exchange** box is in the Narthex. If you have Christmas cards for those who attend church here, you may leave them in the box for them to pick up. If you would like to donate for the cost of postage you save, the money will go to the Deacon Fund to help those in need.

There is a **list of at home members** of the church on the table in the Narthex. If interested pick up a copy and let them know you are thinking about them by sending a card, phone call, or any other way of showing God's love during the Christmas season.

All 2024 committees need to meet and **elect a chairperson** as soon as possible. Please let Mary Griffin know for the back of the bulletin and the Church Council.

The CUOC item for December is **macaroni and cheese**. We took 91 pounds of food this week. Please remember to pick up some and place it in the box in the Narthex. Our church is known for its generosity, so let's fill up the box.

This year, **the Angel tree** in the Narthex has been decorated with angels requesting gifts for two struggling families in our community. They are clients of Family Promise of Lee County. Family Promise is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to homeless families in Lee County. FPLC is successful due to the fact that local church congregations work together as partners and provide an outreach ministry focusing on the needs of these homeless families.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this important community outreach by purchasing and wrapping your gifts for these two families to help provide a joyful Christmas for the family members. We will need to have the gifts back at the church no later than Sunday, December 17. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Jordan, [katbird@charter.net](mailto:katbird@charter.net), 919-708-2795.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CLASS:** Pastor Erice invites anyone (even current members) who would like to learn more about church membership to attend the next class on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We will meet in the Library.

**Dates to remember:**

**December 19:** 6:30 Deacon's meeting at the home of Mary Griffin

**December 20:** 3:30 Caroling

**December 24:** 10:00 Worship Service only

**Deacon on Call:** John Haas

**Next Week:** Judy Watson

**Greeters:** Joyce Billings, Jackson Godfrey, Sandra Cotton, Michelle Godfrey

Next Week: Faith Tannenbaum, Sammy Poe, Linda Strauch, Audra/Alex McKenzie



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