

Prayer Concerns

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Sunday School - 10am
Worship - 11am

Advent Bible Study – 10am Wednesdays

Poinsettias

Your Name: _____

of Poinsettias: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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WELCOME VISITORS!!!

We are delighted you have joined us as we worship God. We hope the warmth of our service, the ministry of God’s Word, and the love of our people will encourage you to come again.

Please let us know who you are and if you’d like our pastor to contact you:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Order of Worship
11am Worship Service
4th Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple (preparation,
repentance, royalty)

Prelude: Tina Grubb

The Light of Christ Enters:

Welcome and Announcements:

***Gathering for Worship:** #211, v. 4 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O Come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Opening Prayer:**

***Hymn of Praise:** # 234 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Children’s Time: Brooklyn Smith

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Resino Family: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah... from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O Spencer, from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Resino Family: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

Light 3 purple and 1 pink candles of the Advent wreath.

Scripture: Luke 1:36-45 CEB

³⁶ Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled ‘unable to conceive’ is now six months pregnant. ³⁷ Nothing is impossible for God.” ³⁸ Then Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be with me just as you have said.” Then the angel left her. ³⁹ Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. ⁴⁰ She entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² With a loud voice she blurted out, “God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. ⁴³ Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. ⁴⁵ Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her.”

Message: “Anticipation”

***Affirmation of Faith:** #882 “The Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version”

***Sung Response** #70 “Glory be to the Father”
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

***Doxology** # 95

***Offertory Prayer:**

***Hymn of Dedication:** #230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

***The Light of Christ Goes into the World**

***Blessing:**

Postlude:

** Please stand in body and/or Spirit.*

Serving in Worship

Head Usher for Dec: Mark Wooten

Counters

Dec. 22 Steve Miller & Marsha Wood

Dec. 29 Mark Wooten & Tommy

Honeycutt

Children's Time

Dec. 22 Brooklyn Smith

Dec. 29 Joan Wooten

Announcements

Advent daily devotions: [Daily Advent devotions: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love | UMC.org](#)

Advent Bible Study: "Angels of Christmas" by Susan Robb Bible study is on hiatus until after the holidays.

Christmas Eve Service: 3pm at Coburn, 5pm at Central. Come to the one that works best for you and your family.

Deal celebration: The Deal Family would like your presence at a covered dish meal next Sunday (12/29), immediately after worship to celebrate Laura's life. Come and share stories and memories of Laura.

No Choir or Bell practice this week.

A Gift has been given in Memory of:

Peg Gemayel and Laura Deal by Brenda & Tom Watson

Matthew Sebastian by Ralph and Julia Baker.

A Gift has been given in honor of:

Millie Thompson by Brenda & Tom Watson.