

TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Carols of Christmas

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:14

❖ December 2, 2017 ❖

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

for the glory of God * for the proclamation of the gospel * for the service of humanity

IST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018

GATHERING AND GREETING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this time of worship! We invite you to record your presence on the pew pad found at the end of each pew. When all have registered, please return it so we may greet each other by name at the opening and close of the service.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

(Use this quiet time to prepare your heart for the worship of Almighty God.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH —

9:00 – ANDY & HAVEN ANTHONY, AUBREY & HAYLEY

11:00 – FRANK & DIANA HAIRR

Wreath Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of expectant hope; Israel's hope for the Messiah and our Christian hope for his coming again in final victory. May the Light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the hope of our salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

*OPENING PRAYER *(Please join us as we pray in unison)*

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; be our Redeemer and deliver us; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*CONGREGATION SINGS TOGETHER:

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

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal #196

A TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME OF JOYFUL CELEBRATION AND GIVING

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH GOD'S YOUNGEST CHILDREN

ANTHEM	<i>Carol for Advent</i>	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 1:18-23	pew Bible, p. 835
PROCLAMATION	O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL	

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal p. 13

After the elements have been consecrated, you are invited to come to the altar and receive this sacrament of Jesus' grace, presence, and love. In this communion, we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice and the salvation He offers to all. You don't have to be a member of this church or denomination to receive communion, as God welcomes to His table all who seek and desire to come and be fed by Him.

SENT FORTH, READY TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Hymnal #204

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Tabernacle United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. John Woods

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Youth Minister: Savanah Aldridge

Minister of Music: Carla Ely

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Worship & Sound Leader: Richard Dunn II

Financial Secretary: Joyce Sosnowski

Office Administrator: Ashley Walters

WELCOME TO TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY! We're glad you're here. If you need a minister, or are searching for a church home, please speak with those around you or ask for our pastor, John Woods.

A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS THROUGH 5 YRS. OLD. It's located in the Children's Wing and is available during Sunday School and both Worship Services. Our nursery is led by specially trained and vetted caregivers who will give exceptional attention for your child.

CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD AND US! It's vital for them to join us as we worship Jesus. To help, WORSHIP DETECTIVE KITS are available at the front entrance. Please return the bags to the stand after worship.

SERVANT-MINISTERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ACOLYTES: Jared Gill, Lilly Steward

SOUND: Richard Dunn

OFFERING COUNTERS: Gaynell Faulk, Annette Heath

CD DELIVERY: Carolyn Hall

HOSPITALITY: 9:00 Steve Redmon, Gil Strader, Steve Swain 11:00 Chelsea Kiger

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Imani, Allix Bjurstrom, Irene Blake, Averi Burke, Gail Causey, Bill Christopher, Jimmy Collins, Carolyn Cox, Joyce Ensley, Lacy Fogleman, Pat Foley, Lee Gilley, Sandra Greeson, Don Helms, Jane Lackey, Phyllis Love, Mack Jefferson, Herb Jones, Karen Kirkman, Allyson Josey, Brian Lamonds & Family, Caitlin Little, Shelia May, Daniel Miller, Reagan Phillips, Scott Redmon, Roberts Family, Haley Ross, Marsha Sarvis, Jewel Shepard, Glen Shephard, Zach Sinkule, Jesse Stewart, Nina Stout, Jeremy Timmone, Scottie Willis, Melissa Wood, Shirley Woodard, Dennis Wyrick, Margaret Yarborough, Tommy Younts

PRAYER REQUESTS ADDED THIS WEEK: Mary Morrell (fractured back bone), Doris Sizemore (heart attack), Jimmy Horney (knee replacement), Ralph Worley

MISSIONARIES: Sandra Raasch (*Honduras*), Alger & Joyce Morris (*Cambodia*)

MILITARY: Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods, Conner Worthington

SHUT-INS: Irene Blake, Mary Claiborne (Friend's Home West, #5102), Bill Early (Abbottswood, #B-315), Ben Fields (Clapp's Assisted, #312), Nancy Fisher (Abbottswood, #C-306), Bill Jones (1227 Ritters Lake Rd, Greensboro), Martha Love (Brighton Gardens, #260), Meralyn Meadows (The Laurels, #E-201), Vernon & Jean Penry (Abbottswood, #A-216), Sandra Greeson (Clapp's Nursing, #303-B), Betty Varner (Abbottswood, # C-124), Frances Whitt

ABOUT OUR SERMON SERIES:

Many of us wait all year to be able to listen to the rich sounds of the holiday season. The music of Christmas evokes images of our childhood and family traditions. They hold a firm place in the culture, and in our hearts. This Christmas season we will look at some of the classic carols that instruct, encourage, and inspire us. Join us as we explore these Carols of Christmas, in the hope that they will become our songs, and be used by God to make us new people.

Dec. 2 — *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Dec. 23 — *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* (@ Alive; Cantata @ 11:00)

Dec. 9 — *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Dec. 24 (11:00pm) — *O Holy Night*

Dec. 16 — *Silent Night*

A NOTE ABOUT THE CRÈCHE

The large crèche on the sanctuary altar has been placed in loving memory of Renie Ledwell-Jefferson, who was instrumental in realizing the vision for having such a focal point at Tabernacle during Advent.