

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. In the pews, you will find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

*Come in, chat, and take a moment to sign the blue hospitality pad and pass it to your neighbor. But when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones and beepers! *Indicates people stand as they are able*

The Gathering Music
 The Entrance of the Light Acolytes
 The Welcome and Announcements Minister
 *The Call to Worship #211 vs. 1 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Trad.
 *The Opening Prayer All

Ever present God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord; and so abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn #196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Wesley

*The Fellowship Moment – *Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ*

The Lighting of the Advent Candle –Duane, Amy, Emma, & Bobby Rikard

The Children's Time Minister

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns Minister

The Prayer Chorus #349 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Lemmel

The Prayer Time including the Lord's Prayer Minister

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.

Special Music

The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings Minister

Offertory

*Doxology #95 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Hymn #210 *All Earth Is Waiting* Taule

The Scripture Lessons *Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36* Minister

The Scripture Response #707 *Hymn of Promise* Sleeth

The Sermon *Waiting for What? - Waiting for a Promise* Minister

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal Minister

*The Hymn of Invitation #374 *Standing on the Promises* Carter

*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response #671 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* Fawcett

*The Taking of the Light to the World Everyone

* Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

Pianist..... Gielda Reese Organist.....Charlotte Newman
 Chancel Choir Director.....Dr. Nathan Windt Nursery Attendants....Elaine and Cortney Davidson
 Acolytes..... Dylan Carpenter & Tanner Collins

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School
 11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship
 2:00 PM Sunday: Tree Set Up
 5:30 PM Sunday: Acts Bible Study
 7:00 PM Sunday: Hanging of the Greens
 12:00 Tuesday: Something for Everyone
 5:00 Wednesday: Children's Program Practice
 6:15 Wednesday: Prayer Ministry
 7:00 Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice
 10:00 Thursday: McMinn Ministries
 7:00 Thursday: McMinn Ministries

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	71	Church Budget	\$2,653.54
Morning Worship	180	Parsonage Fund	\$ 425.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 272.98
		Cook Book	\$ 65.00
		Soup/Cookie Mix	\$ 300.00
		Bus Maintenance	\$ 25.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Claude and Betty Thompson in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary on December 1st and in memory of Claude's brother Buddy Thompson who passed away this past week.

Hanging of the Greens: Advent begins today and we will have our annual Hanging of the Greens service tonight at 7:00 PM. Make plans to come and worship as we prepare our hearts for the true spirit of Christmas. We also have advent devotionals available so pick up your copy today. Also, during the Advent season, we have special opportunities for people to light the Advent Candles during our worship service. If you would like to participate one Sunday, please see the Pastor.

HELP: As we prepare the church for the Hanging of the Greens service we are asking for your help to set up the tree and pull out the decorations. If you can help, please be here this afternoon by 2:00.

Something for Everyone: Please join us on Tuesday, December 1st, for our Mexican Christmas at 12:00 noon in Wattenbarger Hall. The menu will consist of traditional Mexican and American dishes. The program will be a slide show of the year's activities. The meal is free, but please make your reservations with Kathy or Charlotte by today.

Chili Lunch: You are invited to enjoy Chili, hot dogs, or Broccoli Soup and home-made desserts next Sunday immediately following worship. The meal is free, but donations will gladly be accepted and will go towards the Parsonage Fund.

Nursery Needs: The nursery needs some drink boxes and some boxes of goldfish. We provide those for the children each week and your help in providing them is greatly appreciated. The drinks need to be the small individual ones, but not the ones in the foil packaging.

Free Christmas Cards: We have a couple boxes of assorted Christmas cards and a few miscellaneous cards placed on a table in Wattenbarger Hall. Please help yourselves to these cards.

Men's Breakfast: The Men's Group will meet for breakfast, devotions, and fellowship next Sunday morning at 8:30 in Wattenbarger Hall. All men of the church are invited.

Special Gifts: A special gift was given to the budget in memory of J.C. Langford by Jack & Pauline Wooly.

Mission Money: The children are again collecting “M & M” Money. They have received the small tubes of M & M minis and they will be saving quarters in the tubes. All money collected will help families at Christmas. If you would like to help, collect quarters and give them to a child or turn them in yourself.

Tennessee Wesleyan College: TWC will be having their seventh annual “Lessons and Carols” on Friday at 7:00. This is a free concert opened to the public and will be held at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church.

Handel’s Messiah: The Athens Area Community Chorus invites you to the presentation of Handel’s *Messiah* (Part I, with orchestra) on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3:00 pm at Athens Junior High. Allen Memorial will be well-represented, with choristers Rick Parker, Becky Jaquish and Patti Rae Bryant, as well as choir director Nathan Windt leading the chorus and orchestra. *Messiah* is one of the most beloved pieces in the choral-orchestral repertoire, and sure to be a highlight of your Christmas season. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and TWC students attend FREE! For more information, call Nathan at 746-5234.

Children’s Christmas Program: Our Children’s Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 PM. It is a musical entitled “Joyland” and in conjunction with this musical, everyone will have an opportunity to donate a new toy (\$10-15 at least) to the “Toy Store” for needy children in our area. The toys we receive will be donated to the McMinn County Rescue Squad for distribution in their annual Christmas Toy Drive. We are announcing this early so that this will give you time to get your toys purchased and ready to bring to the Children’s program.

We are Praying For.....

Polly Anderson, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Bob Beech, Robert Bennett, Lin Birdwell, Samuel Bish, Pat Bishop, Randy Bishop, Reba Brown, Al Bryan, Michael Bryant, Rev. Jimmy Buckner, Bonnie Burmood, David & Jenny Byrd and their fathers, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Matt Clare, Tamera Coleman, John Cooley, Brett Currie, Kenny Davidson, Bruce Delmas Jr., Mike Dingus, Eva & Glenn Dockins, Vicki Estabrook, Bernadette Evans, Nancy Ferguson, Aline Fritz, Dee Gamble, Steve Garren, Janie Goines, Rebecca Gray, James Guffey, C.D. Hagerman, Brad & Lynn Hamblin, Bill Hanner, Garrett & Jason Henderson, Dan Herron, Diane Hicks, Gene Higham, Jaynee Holland, Greg Hughes, Don Hutsell, Jim Hyde, Larry Jackson, Mike Jackson, Barbara Jarvis, Jimmy Johnson, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen Lane, Raymond Latham, Eva Ruth Lawson, Charlie Littleton, Freddy Malone, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Will Matthews, Brooke Matthews, Patricia McDonald, David McKee, Randy McKeegan, Jerry McLemore, Matt Merker, Nathan Murray, Tammy Nantz, Roberta Ogle, Judy Ohman, Eileen Owsley, Patricia Parker, Theda Poplin, Vicki Raper, Yvonne Raper, Jimmy Reeves, Jason Richards, Dennis Richeson, Jerry Roberts, Leona Richeson, T.L. Rollins, Paul Rose Family, Carol Russell, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Bud Smidt, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Eric Sohmer, Britianie Stieb, Carol Tatum, Roy Thomas, Bud Thompson, Gloria Thompson, Tony Thompson, Debbie Tilley, Judy Tilley, Bruce Vincent, Mildred Vincent, Thursie Waddle, David Walden, Bryan Walker, Tylan Walker, Gladys Wallace, Jim Wallace, Preston Wallace, Ashley & Jackson Walters, Opal Watkins, Gretchen Watson, Bonnier Werner, Thelma West, Bill Wiggins, Larry Yetter, Sandy Yielding; *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, A.C. Lockmiller, Rubye Maupin, *Expecting Mothers:* Claire Murphy, Kym Wierman, Ashley Ziegler; *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Boo & Phyllis Hankins, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Chris Russell Family, Mary Diana Samuel Orphanage, and Herbert & Mary Zigbuo, Pray for our Pastor, our District Superintendent, Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson. *Pray for our Service men and women:* Brandon Carter, Joe Clark, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Duane Diebold, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Brent Greer, Eric Greisenhour, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Tim Lammers, Wayne McKenzie, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Sliger, Bobby Smith, Brent Stephens.

If you know of someone who has improved and can be taken off the list or if we have removed someone from the list who still needs to be listed, please fill out a new card and give us an updated report. Thank You.

Church Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for those who are marginally connected to the church.



First Sunday *of* Advent

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