

December 16, 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM

*God's house shall be filled with music, with song, with praise and prayer,
and the burdens of life shall be lifted from all who enter here.*

PRAISE	“Joy to the World”	Youth Praise
		Acolyte, Sarah Marshall Gallop
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE		Gallop family
PRAISE	“He Shall Reign Forevermore”	Youth Praise
	“He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)”	
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Matt Seals
	<i>Children’s Church is offered upstairs in room ‘205’ with Leslie Seals</i>	
PRAYER AND PRAISE		
OFFERING	“How Many Kings”	Youth Praise
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
READING OF THE WORD	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-18	pg. 815, 888
SERMON	<i>Prepare the Way: Do</i>	Matt Seals
CLOSING SONG	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”	Youth Praise
BENEDICTION		

Prayer: If you would like to pray privately or to have someone pray with you, feel free to come to the front. Stephen Ministers will be available to join with you in prayer during the closing song.

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

God, you have change judgement to hope, destruction to restoration, oppression to liberation and dread to praise. God, you send before us prophets bringing the joyful news of the coming of the Messiah.

All: We, God’s people, proclaim with Isaiah, “God is indeed my salvation; I will trust and won’t be afraid. The Lord is my strength and my shield; he has become my salvation.”

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of joy in recognition of all God’s mighty acts, from the beginning to the end of time.

Repeat Verse 1 – Sung

11:00 AM

*As you prepare for worship, enter the Sanctuary in reverence, worship in the spirit of humility.
And leave it not without a prayer to God for yourself, for those who minister, and for those who worship here.*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Tommy Midgett
WELCOME		
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE		Borland family
CALL TO WORSHIP	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	Chancel Choir
*HYMN	“Joy to the World”	No. 246
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle’s Creed	No. 881
*GLORIA PATRI		No. 70

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, Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Matt Seals
	<i>Children’s Church is offered upstairs in room ‘205’ with Jan Culpepper</i>	

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

BAPTISM	Hudson Mark Martin	No. 33
PASTORAL PRAYER		
WORSHIPPING WITH GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS		
	Offertory	“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph”
	*Doxology	No. 95
	*Prayer of Dedication	

ANTHEM	“Joy to the World!”	Chancel Choir
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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-18	pg. 815, 888
SERMON	<i>Prepare the Way: Do</i>	Matt Seals
*HYMN	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”	No. 251

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	“Emmanuel”	No. 204
*POSTLUDE	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	Tommy Midgett

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD

*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE

NURSERY is on the first floor.

If you need help finding the nursery, one of our ushers would be happy to assist you.

Dec. 16
8:30 Lee Petty & Elizabeth Gallop
9:45 Dawn Sessler
11:00 Dawn Sessler & Kathy Seawell

Next Week's Nursery Volunteers
 8:30 Dawn Sessler & Samantha Keith
 9:45 Dawn Sessler
 11:00 Dawn Sessler & Sally Scarborough

CONNECT IN
*small***GROUPS**

9:45 AM
 every Sunday

KOINONIA CLASS – Room A, 1st Floor
 Discussion based, covering a variety of topics

JOY CLASS – Room 208, 2nd Floor
 Bible Study Format

DISCUSSION CLASS – Room B, 1st Floor
 Bible Study Format

COVENANT CLASS – Room 204, 2nd Floor
 Discussion based, covering a variety of topics

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS – Room C, 1st Floor
 Bible Study Format

S.W.I.F.T - Room 202, 2nd Floor
 Open discussion and video format.
 Serving & Witnessing In Fellowship Together

LUCETTA WILLIS CLASS – Library, 1st Floor
 Bible Study Format

YOUTH 6th- 12th The Cove, across the street
 Join us for fellowship and studying God's Word

CHILDREN 4yrs – 5th Room 200, 2nd Floor
 Head upstairs to meet our amazing teachers

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Sunday School: 113 Church Services: 252

2018 Budget - \$619,377.00	Received to date - \$537,303.65
Received December 9, 2018 - \$16,904.00	Needed Weekly - \$11,911.10
Needed to date - \$583,643.90	Year to date Budget Deficit - (-\$46,340.25)

Amounts Received into Activities Accounts on December 9, 2018

Food Pantry - \$872.50	Discussion Class - \$10.00	God's House Repairs - \$80.00
Missions - \$522.50	Methodist Men - \$10.00	Pastor's Discretionary - \$84.00
Christmas Joy - \$500.00	Helping Hands - \$200.00	Local Emergency Relief - \$100.00
Koinonia Class - \$59.00	Clothes for Africa - \$200.00	CRU Michael & Brenda Brent - \$125.00
Lucetta Willis Trust Income - \$9,622.06	Forward in Faith Capital Campaign - \$2,045.00	