

December 2, 2018 ~ 1st 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 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Resounding Praise
 WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Warren & Wendy Blackburn

Verse 1 – Sung

**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 of hope and promise, protection and strength, you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth. God of hope and endurance, you foretold of the coming kingdom of God.

We, God's people, affirm your covenant with us. We stand ready, hearts full of hope, for God will fulfill the promises made to God's people. As the psalmist declares, so do we:

"All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws."

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of hope to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in our midst.

Repeat Verse 1 – Sung

PRAISE "The First Noel" Resounding Praise
 "Joy Has Dawned"
 CHILDREN'S MOMENT "Silent Night" Handbells

PRAYER AND PRAISE

OFFERING "I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day" Nathan & Mariah Schierer

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD Jeremiah 33:14-16 pg. 686
 Luke 21:25-36 pg. 912

SERMON *Prepare the Way: Stand* Matt Seals

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG "Emmanuel" Resounding 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.

The Rosebuds on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Cameron Wyatt Baldwin and Jackson Alexander Baldwin, twin sons of Aaron & Tori Baldwin. Grandparents are Mickey & Chris Daniels, and Kathy Daniels. Great Grandparents are Wanda Daniels and the late Punk Daniels. Proud Aunt, Terri Carmichael.

<p>NURSERY is located on the first floor. Need help finding our nursery? Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today's Nursery</u></p> <p>8:30 Valerie Wheeler & Hannah Barnes 9:45 Dawn Sessler 11:00 Wynne Hopkins & Dawn sessler</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Week's Nursery – Dec. 9</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:45 10:00</p>	<p>Activity Sheets and other items are available during the church service by the front entrance. Please return the worship bag at the end of service so we can continue to provide more items.</p> <p>FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY. Today, we will worship and participate in the Hanging of The Greens service as Children's Church will not be offered.</p>
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Mount Olivet Preschool & Afterschool ~ 8:15- Noon ~ 2:30 - 5:30 PM

Sun	Dec. 2	7:30 AM	Praise Team Warm Up & Prayer for Services
		8:30 AM	Contemporary Service
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens Service
		Noon	Cantata Rehearsal
		4:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service
		5:00 PM	FAITH Friends
		5:00 PM	Youth Sunday Night
		7:00 PM	Youth Praise and Youth Dance
Mon	Dec. 3	6:30 AM	Men's Reunion Group meets in Room "C"
		7:00 PM	Men's Monday Night Bible Study Room "A"
Tue	Dec. 4	7:00 PM	Meet Michelle Small Group @ The Cove
Wed	Dec. 5	10:00 AM	Prayer Blanket Warriors
		11:30 AM	Christmas Scripture Readings
		6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting in the Church Library
		7:30 PM	High School Bible Study
Thurs	Dec. 6	7:00 AM	Youth Breakfast
		6:00 PM	Cantata Rehearsal - Faith Friends & Youth Dance @ 6:30
		7:00 PM	NA - ends 8:30 PM
Fri	Dec. 7		
Sat	Dec. 8	3:00 PM	Girl Scouts

Budget at a glance

Received Nov. 25, 2018 - \$7,476.00	Needed to date - \$559,821.70
Needed Weekly - \$11,911.10	Received to date - \$501,166.65
Year to date Budget Deficit – (\$58,655.05)	

Thank you for your 2019 Estimate of giving; we have received 58% of the 2019 budget
Pledges received to date: 83 totaling \$357,388.00