

# Mount Olivet United Methodist Church

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent – Hanging of the Greens

11:00 AM

PRELUDE	“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”	Tommy Midgett
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Love Was Born at Christmas”	Chancel Choir
*RESPONSIVE READING		Matt Seals

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God

We are reminded anew of God’s vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1, 4)	No. 230
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THE ADVENT WREATH		Paul Lester
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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE		Neil & Amanda Songer
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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**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”	Handbells
THE EVERGREENS		Arturo Lara
*ANTHEM	“Hope Was Born This Night”	Chancel Choir
THE POINTSETTIAS		Pat Lester
*HYMN	“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” (vs 1, 2 & 6)	No. 236
THE CHRISMON TREE		Kathy Seawell
PRESENTING THE CHRISMONS		Kathy Seawell & Janice Tillett
*HYMN	“Away in a Manger” (vs.1)	No. 217
THE BELLS		Marjalene Thomas
PASTORAL PRAYER		
WORSHIPPING WITH GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS		
Offertory	“I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day”	Nathan & Mariah Schierer
*Doxology		No. 95
*Prayer of Dedication		
REFLECTION	<i>Symbols of the Season</i>	Matt Seals
COMMUNION		pg. 7
*HYMN	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1 & 6)	No. 211
BENEDICTION		
Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—		
For the light of God’s love is discernible everywhere.		
<b>We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.</b>		
The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.		
<b>We will welcome Christ into our hearts.</b>		
<b>We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.</b>		
<b>We will go forth from this place in hope.</b>		
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	“Emmanuel”	No. 204
POSTLUDE	“Holly and the Ivy”	Tommy Midgett
<b><u>THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD</u></b>		
*PLEASE STAND AS ABLE		

**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><b>NURSERY</b> is located on the first floor.  <b>Need help finding our nursery?</b>  Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Today's Nursery</u></b></p> <p><b>8:30 Valerie Wheeler &amp; Hannah Barnes</b>  <b>9:45 Dawn Sessler</b>  <b>11:00 Wynne Hopkins &amp; Dawn sessler</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Next Week's Nursery – Dec. 9</u></b>  8:45  10:00</p>	<p><b>Activity Sheets and other items</b> 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><b>FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY.</b> 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*

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

<b><u>Budget at a glance</u></b>	
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)	
<b>Thank you for your 2019 Estimate of giving; we have received 58% of the 2019 budget</b>	
<b>Pledges received to date: 83 totaling \$357,388.00</b>	