

December 23, 2018 ~ Fourth 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.*

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| PRAISE | “Joy Has Dawned/Angels We Have Heard” | Resounding Praise |
| WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE | | |
| PRAISE | “Angels from the Realms of Glory” | Steve Goodale |
| | “Away in a Manger” | Resounding Praise |
| CHILDREN’S MOMENT | | Matt Seals |
| <i>Children’s Church is offered upstairs in room ‘205’ with Leslie Seals</i> | | |
| PRAYER AND PRAISE | | |
| OFFERING | “Adore Him” | Resounding Praise |
| PRAYER OF DEDICATION | | |
| READING OF THE WORD | Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55 | pg. 805, 885 |
| SERMON | <i>Prepare the Way: Welcome</i> | Matt Seals |
| CLOSING SONG | “Emmanuel” | Resounding Praise |
| BENEDICTION | | |

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 our shepherd, you chose a humble woman to bring your Messiah into the world, one who will bring us security, joy, and peace. God, even children in the wombs of their mothers recognize you and delight in your presence.

All: We, God’s people, sing with Mary, “the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God.”

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this peace candle in joyful anticipation of welcoming Christ’s coming. **Repeat Verse 1 – Sung**

The Rosebud on the Altar is given to the Glory of God & in honor of Lakelyn Rose William, daughter of Shaun & Whitney Williams of Winston-Salem, NC; older sister is Raelyn Mae. Grandparents are Cathy Embler, Darren Burris, and Stephen & Sherrilyn Williams. Great Grandparents are Bill & Margaret Daniels and the late Cary Williams; Mickey & Marlow Acock, Larry & Judy Burris, Johnny & Ruth Haynes, and Shirley Burris.

The Rosebud on the Altar is given to the Glory of God & in honor of Elaina "Ella" Jade Wright, daughter of Hunter and Brittany Wright of Grandy, NC. Grandparents are Valerie Wright, Ernest Wright, Keith & Stephanie Ostrom, and Kim & Mike Poquette . Proud Uncle is Samuel Wright.

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

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| PRELUDE | “On This Day Earth Shall Ring” | Tommy Midgett Acolyte, Olivia Martin |
| WELCOME | | |
| LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE | | |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | “We Worship Thee, O Lord” | Chancel Choir |
| *HYMN | “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” | No. 229 |
| *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 |
| Children’s Church is offered upstairs in room ‘205’ with Allison Martin | | |

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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| PASTORAL PRAYER | | |
| WORSHIPPING WITH GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS | | |
| Offertory | “Let There Be Peace on Earth” | Tommy Midgett |
| *Doxology | | No. 95 |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | |
| ANTHEM | “Have You Heard the News” | Chancel Choir |

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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| THE SCRIPTURE LESSON | Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55 | pg. 805, 885 |
| SERMON | <i>Prepare the Way: Welcome</i> | Matt Seals |
| *HYMN | “The First Noel” (vs. 1-3) | No. 251 |

SENDING FORTH

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| *BENEDICTION | | |
| *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | “Emmanuel” | No. 204 |
| *POSTLUDE | “Love Came Down at Christmas” | 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.

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| <u>Dec. 16</u> | <u>Next Week's Nursery Volunteers</u> |
| 8:30 Dawn Sessler & Samantha Keith | 8:30 Kelly Kraus & Jessica Twiford |
| 9:45 Dawn Sessler | 9:45 |
| 11:00 Dawn Sessler & Sally Scarborough | 11:00 Kathryn Fearing |

CONNECT IN
smallGROUPS

9:45 - 10:45 Sunday mornings

KOINONIA CLASS – Room A, 1st Floor

Discussion based, covering a variety of topics

DISCUSSION CLASS – Room B, 1st Floor

Bible Study Format

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS – Room C, 1st Floor

Bible Study Format

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

JOY CLASS – Room 208, 2nd Floor

Bible Study Format

COVENANT CLASS – Room 204, 2nd Floor

Discussion based, covering a variety of topics

S.W.I.F.T - Room 202, 2nd Floor

Open discussion and video format.

Serving & Witnessing In Fellowship Together

CHILDREN 4yrs - 5th Room 200, 2nd Floor

Head upstairs to meet our amazing teachers

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Sunday School: 128 Church Services: 229

2018 Budget - \$619,377.00

Received December 16, 2018 - \$8,631.00

Needed to date - \$595,555.00

Received to date - \$545,934.65

Needed Weekly - \$11,911.10

Year to date Budget Deficit - (-\$49,620.35)

Amounts Received into Activities Accounts on December 16, 2018

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| LER - \$100.00 | Food Pantry - \$6,292.50 | Nannie Midgett Circle - \$120.00 |
| Missions - \$522.50 | Youth Ministry - \$75.00 | Senior Funds for Repairs - \$80.00 |
| Christmas Joy - \$41.00 | Clothes for Africa - \$30.00 | UMM Legacy Book Fund - \$150.00 |
| Koinonia Class - \$2.00 | Mount Olivet - \$1,000.00 | UMCOR World Hunger - \$2,000.00 |
| Methodist Men - \$10.00 | God's House Repairs - \$80.00 | Cora Mae Basnight Kid's Ministry - \$100.00 |
| Discussion Class - \$16.00 | Pastor's Discretionary - \$82.00 | Forward in Faith Capital Campaign - \$1,265.00 |