

Worship & Sermon Notes

Prayer Requests



Christmas Angel Tree

Please Sign-Up to Help:

Choose an Angel & help to provide Christmas for a child in need at Townsend or Walland Schools. Wrap each gift separate, put all gifts in a large dark trash bag, tape your angel card securely on the bag. Please return by Dec. 10th.

Thank you!

2017 Christmas Poinsettia's

Given By:

Robyn Headrick
Larry & Sue Smith
Joe & Brenda Wilson

In Honor of:

Golden Vananda
Dave Pariser & Mary Smith
Bobbie Livingston

Given By:

Dallas & Mary Jon Clark
Patricia Carol Davis
Candice & John Foley

In Memory of:

Mary Jon's daughter, Becky
Talley Shannon Davis
Talley Davis
Zola & Lyle Huff
Fred Wilson
Lowell Gregory & Kay Gregory
Jean Moser
Jim Keeler, Sr.
J. C. Morgan & Braxton Craig Morgan
Bob Pabst
Darrell & Pauline Riddle
Martha & Irvin McQuirter

Wilma Gregory
Robyn Headrick
Jonell Keeler
Morgan Family
Donna Pabst
Marvin & Joanne Riddle

Rhonda Sullivan, Janice & Kirk Wenzel & Sam Waycaster
Raymond, Margaret & Steve Sullivan
W.B., Eva & Velma Sullivan
Michael Kavanagh
Carl Headrick & Bill Vananda
Shirley Whitehead
Richard Jabbour
Zola Lewis Huff
Monty J. Lewis
Hugh Livingston
Fred Wilson

We express our gratitude to all of the Elves who left the generous Gift on our door Thanksgiving Morning. What a lovely surprise! We give Thanks for Tuckaleechee UMC. You have been a continual Blessing to each of us! Thank You! Richard, Elizabeth & Zoe

Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017



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The Community of Faith at WORSHIP
The First Sunday of Advent
 December 3, 2017

The Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome of Visitors
 'Silent Offering'

Brenda Wilson

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

***Call to Worship**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

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

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

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

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest!

+*Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

***Responsive Reading** *Psalm 80* #801

***Praise Chorus** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* #211

God Will Send a Righteous King: Jeremiah 23:5-6

In ancient times the cedar was revered as the tree of royalty. It also signified immortality and was used for purification. We place this cedar branch as a sign of Christ, who reigns as king forever, and whose coming in justice and righteousness will purify our hearts.

A Child Will Be Born: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Because the needles of pine and fir trees appear not to die each season, the ancients saw them as a sign of things that last forever. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. We therefore hang this wreath of evergreens shaped in a circle, with no end, to signify the reign of the Messiah.

Praises and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** #095

The Fourth Servant Song: Isaiah 53:1-6

This passage from Isaiah reflects the sufferings of Jesus, who saved us from our sin through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. In ancient times, holly and ivy were considered signs of Christ's passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries, the blood of the savior, the bitter bark the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we present this holly and ivy, let us rejoice in the coming of our savior.

***Hymn of Intention** *Joy to the World* #246

The Mystery of the Incarnation: John 1:1-5, 9-14

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we light the Chrismon tree. During Advent, may this lighted tree remind you of the one who brings light to your darkness.

Lighting of the Chrismon Tree Children

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

Children's Moment Anthem Brenda Wilson

Justification by Faith: Titus 3:4-7

Morning Scripture Mark 13:24-37

Morning Message "A Savior is Coming. Can We See It?"

Holy Communion

***Hymn of Response** *What Child is This?* #219

***Benediction and Blessing**

***Carrying Christ's Light into the World**

***Postlude**

+Those arriving late may be seated *Please stand as you may be able

*The Beautiful Flowers Placed on the Piano are
 In Memory of Richard Jabbour's Birthday
 Given by Janet Whitt*

Church Announcements

Welcome! We are pleased you are here to worship. We are a church with open minds, open hearts and open doors. Please sign the attendance book at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your full address.

Serving God's Church

Pastor	Rev. Richard Rudesill
Administrative Assistant	Susan Burns
Music Director	Edward Walker
Pianist	Mary Lynn Morgan
Organist	Edith Walker
Sound Technician	Doug Davis
Custodian	Barbara Miller
Worship Leader	Brenda Wilson
Acolyte	Ellie Hall 8:30 Zoe Rudesill
Ushers	John Burns, Peter Mueller, Glenn Myers, Joe Wilson
Counters	Becky Dannelley & Jeannie Nichols

Church Life Events

(All Activities held in upstairs Assembly Room unless noted)

Dec. 3	Townsend Christmas Parade 2:30 pm Christmas Singing at Campground UMC (following parade) Emmaus Reunion 6 pm (wkly)
4	AA Mtg. 8 pm (wkly Fellowship Hall)
6	Mayberry Study 10 am Choir 7 pm
7	(NO) Temple Keepers-will resume in Jan.
10	'Old Fashioned' Christmas Dinner (after 10:45 Service) 'Angel' Gifts Due
16	Emmaus Gathering 6:30 pm (Trinity UMC, Knox.)
17	'Love Feast' Candlelight Service 7 pm
19	Tuckaleechee Garden Club 10 am
24	'Christmas Cantata' 10:45 am (NO 8:30 Service) Christmas Eve Service 10 pm
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve Communion 6-8 pm (drop in)
Jan. 4	Family Life Mtg. 6 pm
14	'Charge Breakfast' (details TBA)