

Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church

November 29, 2020 *First Sunday of Advent*

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Prelude & Announcements

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

¹ 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. ² Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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.

Morning Prayer
Scripture Reading
Offertory

O Come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Pastoral Prayer

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #211

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!

The Lord's Prayer
Isaiah 64:1-9

(See Online Video)

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.

Children's Message
Anthem

Elizabeth Rudesill
Choir Members

(See Online Video)
(See Online Video)

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

Morning Scripture
Morning Message

Pastor
“Preparing For Jesus”

Mark 13:24-37
(See Online Video)

Justification by Faith: Titus 3:4-7

*Hymn of Response

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” #626

¹Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. ²King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food. ³Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. ⁴At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Benediction

Church Announcements

2020 Christmas Poinsettias

Given By:

John & Susan Burns
Mike & Danita Goddard
Janice & Bob Keebler
Jerilyn Myers

In Honor Of:

Lori, Anthony, Addison, Josh & Holly
Dorothy Elliott
Our Grandchildren
Holly, Anderson, Merritt & Harrison

Given By:

John & Susan Burns
Mike & Danita Goddard
James & Juliana Hatfield
Walt & Taffy King
Don McCampbell

In Memory Of:

Katherine Wilson
Rebecca Goddard
Joyce Fast & Chester Hatfield
Our son David
Zenaida McCampbell (wife)
Blake McCampbell (cousin)

John & Allison Morgan
Mary Lynn, John & Allison Morgan
Jerilyn Myers
Donna Pabst
Jack & Lana Parham
Jill Sears
Rhonda Sullivan
Joyce Thor
Janet Whitt
Josh & Holly Whitehead
Joe & Brenda Wilson

Jonnie & Bud White & Ruth & Wade Waters
J. C. Morgan & Craig Morgan
Charlie & Jackie Holcombe
Bob Pabst
Our Parents
Shorty Sears (my husband)
W.B. Sullivan Family & Raymond Sullivan Family
Erland Thor (my husband)
Richard Jabbour & Preston & JoAnn Whitt
Shirley Whitehead
Fred M. Wilson, Hugh Livingston, Bobbie Livingston

Singing in Worship: We have designated singers. These have been selected among the choir. Please meditate on the music with the words provided.

Angel Gifts for Townsend School are due Dec. 13th. See Susan if questions.

Parents of Wild Kidz and Youth: Please watch for announcements from Elizabeth about Wild Kidz & Youth. We meet at 4pm on Sun. afternoons.

Regular weekly groups will meet this week, except for Women's Bible Study.

Food items for **“Zimbabwe Ishe Anesu Project for Underprivileged Children” is extended to Dec. 6:** 1 4-5 lb. bag corn meal, 1 bag butter flavored grits, 1 2 lb. bag white rice, 1 2 lb. bag dried beans, 1 10 oz. or less powdered milk, 1 18 oz. or less box instant oatmeal, 1 48 oz. or less bottle cooking oil, 1 50 ct. or less box Splenda/sucralose, 1 2 lb. canned ham. Please bag all food items and drop off in the Assembly Room. Buckets are provided.

The Tuckaleechee UMC Old-Fashioned Christmas will be online and virtual this year. This is for the health and safety of our church members AND because we know that many people who are in quarantine would love to be involved! We are requesting that you make a video to send to tuckaleecheeumc@hotmail.com to include in our virtual old-fashioned Christmas. If you need someone to come by and record your video, let Pastor Richard know. We would request that you share a story of Christmas where God made a meaningful appearance in your church or family. Please keep these videos to less than one and half minutes! The deadline to send the videos is Dec. 15! We will share the video in the Dec. 20 service of worship online and in person. If you need a DVD of the service, let Pastor Richard know. The event will be dedicated to Katherine Wilson!