

Worship & Sermon Notes

Continued Announcements:

Temple Keepers is suspended until 2023 due to the holiday season and events planned during this time. We will resume meeting on Jan. 5.

Our **Emmaus Reunion Group** will be suspended through New Year's Day due to the holiday season and events planned during this time. We will resume meeting on Jan. 8.

WILD (Walking in Love Daily) Kidz and Youth is meeting during the Sunday School hour. Parents, kids, church members, please make every effort to support our children and youth as we make this move.

If you wish to support the **People of Ukraine**, the United Methodist Church has a fund for humanitarian relief. If you would like to give, go to <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/how-to-assist-the-ukrainian-people/> or write a check to the church and designate it "Ukraine."

We also have ways to hlp the people of **Florida** in the wake of Hurricane Ian or the people of **Kentucky** in the wake of flooding. Write your check to the church and write "UMCOR" and "Florida" or "Kentucky" on the memo line.

Townsend Community Prayer will NOT meet in December. We will gather again on January 8 at Townsend Elementary School at 4 pm to pray together for our community, our churches, our nation, and our world.

Offering Counters are needed. Training is provided. We still need 1-2 more people to count! The process takes about 10-15 minutes. If you are interested, please talk with Walt or Susan.



Watch Us Online! Out of town? Homebound? Unable to be at worship in person? Catch us live as we live-stream our services each Sunday. Watch it live or later! Scan the QR code with your phone. **Please note that our QR code has changed.**

*Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022*



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**Angel Gifts Needed Today
in upstairs Assembly Room**



Thank You for helping make Christmas brighter for Children, Youth & some Families from Heritage Middle & High Schools. Important: Please do not wrap gifts! Put all unwrapped gifts in a large dark trash bag, secure bag & tape your angel card securely on the bag.

If your Angel asks for food, please place in a sturdy box with your Angel's number on the box. Thank you!

The Community of Faith at WORSHIP

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**The Prelude
Lighting of the Altar Candles**

Welcome and Announcements Brenda Wilson
Welcome of Visitors

Lighting of Advent Wreath

+Call to Worship

+Hymn of Praise "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #216
***Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostle's Creed" Brenda Wilson #881
***Praise Chorus** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204

Morning Prayer Rev. Richard Rudesill
Praises and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer #895

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 Brenda Wilson
Our Tithes and Offerings
***Doxology** #095

***Hymn of Intention** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #236

Nativity Program

Anthem

Morning Scripture Matthew 11:2-11 Rev. Richard Rudesill

Sermon "How to Know if Jesus is Lord" Rev. Richard Rudesill

***Hymn of Response** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206

***Benediction and Blessing** Rev. Richard Rudesill

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

***Postlude**

***Extroit**

+Those arriving late may be seated

*Please stand as you may be able

Church Announcements

If you will not be here for the rest of the Advent and Christmas season and you ordered a poinsettia, please feel free to take it home with you today.

During our 10:45 service of worship today, we will be having the Young Adult, Youth and Children's **Nativity Program**. Thanks to our young people and their families for sharing the greatest story ever told with us yet again!

The **Old-Fashioned Christmas** will be today after worship. We will join together in food, fellowship, singing, and in the reading of the Christmas story. Come share with us in this time together.

The **Christmas Cantata** is scheduled for Dec. 18 at the 10:45 am service. Our choir will be bringing the message of the season. We will be having a message at our 8:30 am service.

The **Love Feast** is planned for 7 pm next Sunday Dec. 18. The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community and fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ. The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. Wesley noted in his diary, "after evening prayers we joined with the Germans in one of their love Feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as to be worthy of Christ". We will gather to share sweet breads recalling the sweetness of our lives in Christ and warm drinks recalling the warmth of our fellowship. We go from this place taking that sweetness into a hurting and bitter world. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Ken Tucker, who pastors Wears Valley UMC.

Our **Christmas Eve Service** will be at 10 pm on Dec. 24. **Christmas Day** is on Sunday and we will have one service of worship at 10:30 am that day. There will be no Sunday School.

Our **New Year's Eve Drop-In Communion** will be on Dec. 31 from 6-8 pm. During this night, every person or family is encouraged to drop by the church during those hours to receive communion and a blessing as we enter the New Year.

Serving God's Church

Pastor Rev. Richard Rudesill
Admn. Assistant Susan Burns
Music Director Carl Goodman
Pianist Jeffrey Jopling
Organist Mary Lynn Morgan
Sound Technician Doug Davis
Custodian Lori Burns
Acolyte Youth or Usher
Ushers John Burns, Randy Hatch, Glenn Myers, Joe Wilson
Counters Lee Cole & Margaret Trentham

Church Life Events

(All Activities held in upstairs Assembly Room unless noted)

Dec. 11 Early Worship 8:30 am
Wild Kidz meeting during Sun. School hour 9:30 am
Young Adult, Youth & Children's Nativity during 10:45 Worship
Old Fashioned Christmas Meal after 10:45 am Service
"Angel Gifts" due in Assembly Room
No Emmaus Reunion Meetings until Jan. 8th
12 AA's 7 pm (wkly Fellowship Hall)
14 Choir Practice 6:30 pm
15 Temple Keepers 6 pm
18 Cantata at 10:45 am Service
"Love Feast" 7 pm
24 Christmas Eve Service 10 pm
25 10:45 am Worship only
31 New Year's Eve Drop-In Communion 6-8 pm
Jan. 1 Early Worship 8:30 am
Wild Kidz meeting during Sun. School hour 9:30 am
Worship 10:45 am
8 Townsend Community Prayer at TES 4 pm
Emmaus Reunion restarts 6 pm
20-22 Resurrection Youth Event
29 Holston Home 5th Sunday Offering