

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.

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

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://umcmision.org/umcor/how-to-assist-the-ukrainian-people/> or write a check to the church and designate it "Ukraine."

We also have ways to help 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" or "Kentucky" or "Florida".

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 King or Susan Burns.

*Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022*



Thank You to those who shopped for gifts & food helping make Christmas brighter for Children, Youth & Families from Heritage Middle & High Schools. Please know that they are truly thankful.



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. **Please note that our QR code has changed.**

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The Community of Faith at WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

The Prelude
Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements Carole Myers
Welcome of Visitors

Lighting of Advent Wreath

+Call to Worship

+Hymn of Praise *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* 240
***Responsive Reading** Psalm 80 Carole Myers #801
***Praise Chorus** *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”* #204

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

8:30 Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-16
Our Tithes and Offerings
***Doxology** #095

8:30 Service *Hymn of Intention *“In the Bleak Midwinter”* #221

Children’s Moment Carole Myers

8:30 Sermon *“Serving God is a Blessing”* Rev. Richard Rudesill

10:45 Service *Cantata presented by Tuckaleechee UMC Choir*

***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.

The **Christmas Cantata** is today at the 10:45 am service. Thanks to our choir for bringing us the message of the season in song at our late service.

Thanks to all the people who helped with our Children’s Nativity Program. If you didn’t get to see it, watch last week’s live-streamed service. Also, thanks to our Family Life Committee and Jan Whitt for bringing us our Old-Fashioned Christmas!

The Love Feast is planned for 7 pm today. 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 preacher will be Rev. Ken Tucker, pastor at Wear’s 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.

Finance Committee will meet Jan. 19 at 7 pm in the Assembly Room. Members include Chair Carole Myers, Pastor, Holly Whitehead, Walt King, John Morgan, Randy Hatch, Susan Burns, Janice Keebler, Terry Savage, Karen Rounds, Bob Keebler.

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 Sara Hatch & Pat Tipton

Church Life Events

(All Activities held in upstairs Assembly Room unless noted)

Dec. 18 Early Worship 8:30 am
Wild Kidz meeting during Sun. School hour 9:30 am
Cantata at 10:45 am Service
“Love Feast” 7 pm
No Emmaus Reunion Meetings until Jan. 8th
19 AA’s 7 pm (*wkly Fellowship Hall*)
21 Choir Practice 6:30 pm
22 No Temple Keeper Meetings until Jan. 5th
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
5 Temple Keepers resumes 6 pm
8 Townsend Community Prayer at TES 4 pm
Emmaus Reunion Meetings resumes 6 pm
19 Finance Meeting 7 pm
20-22 Resurrection Youth Event
29 Holston Home 5th Sunday Offering