

LESSONS & CAROLS

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude H. Blair

“Fantasy on Old Christmas Carols”

Gathering & Announcements

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes

*Carol *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* UMH 234
(Vs. 1, 3, 6)

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

In God’s house, there is hope-
For God loves us too much to leave us just as
we are.

Light the candle of hope.

In God’s house, there is peace-
For all that separates us from God falls away.

Light the candle of peace.

Carol *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* UMH 230
(Vs. 1-2)

[Children come forward]

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, we’ve heard this story a million
times-
Mary and Joseph, the angels, the shepherds.
We’ve heard it a million times, but we want to
hear it like it’s the first.
So move among us. Circle back. Draw close.

Help us to hear what it is you might be saying
to us with curiosity, joy, and hope.
This is an invitation. Come be here with us.
Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Christmons Pastor Cheryl

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary Luke 1:26-38
Jesus’ Birth Luke 2:1-7

Carol *“Angels Watching Over Me”* Choir
Arr. Joel Raney

Carol *“Away in a Manger”* UMH 217
Angels and Shepherds Luke 2:8-14

Carol *“There’s a Song in the Air”* UMH 249
(Vs. 1 & 4)

Carol *“Silent Night”* Ensemble
Anthem *“Noel”* Choir
Tomlin, Cash & Redman

Invitation to Generosity Pastor Cheryl
Offertory J. Burkett

“There’s a Song in the Air”

*Doxology (Tune of “Away in a Manger”)
Praise God for these gifts that we offer today. I bless
them for good in the world, this we pray. Praise
Jesus, the Christ-child, our Hope and our Stay, the
Spirit, our Keeper, our Guide on the Way.

John 1:1-5, 14 Pastor Cheryl

The Word Was Made Flesh

Carol *“Joy to the World”* UMH 246
(Vs. 1 & 4)

*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

*Choral Benediction Choir
“Threefold Amen”

* Postlude A. Wyton
“The First Noel”

* **Stand as you are able**



Mission of the Month

*The December Mission of the Month is
Operacion Abrigo. All dollar bills
dropped into the collection plates, or
checks with “Operacion Abrigo” in the
memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan
the QR code to give online and select the
Mission of the Month.*



Altar flowers are
given in memory
of J. D. and Euple
Walker by their
children.

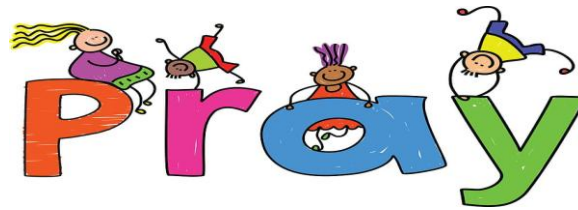
Upcoming Activities

- Dec. 9 –Prayer Shawl at 9:30
 Dec. 10 –Men’s Breakfast at Texas Café at 8:00
 --Trustees at 6:30
 Dec. 11 --Country Home Estates Service at 2:00
 --WOW! at 5:45
 --Choir practice at 7:00
 Dec. 14 –Blue Christmas at 4:00 at Wesley UMC
 in Greenville
 --Parent’s Night Out 5:30-8:00

Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray Pastor
Meagan Jones, Music Director
John Burkett, Organist
John Mark Dempsey, Sound Tech
Claire Floyd, Video Tech
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Cheryl Murray
Office & Communications	Tricia Dempsey
Financial Secretary	Mariann Andrews
Children’s Director	Ashlyn Woods
Youth Director	Jamie Bourcy
Little Ark Director	Jennifer Knight
Choir Director	Meagan Jones
Organist	Dr. John Burkett
Custodians	Sandra & Fernanda Medrano



- Our world, country and leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
 - Bill Knutson (hip replacement)
 - Debbie Dunham
 - Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth Warren
 - Rev. Sam Caldwell (hip replacement)
 - Orvis Reynolds
 - Judy Rudoff
 - Diane Garcia
 - Bill Heitholt
 - Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts’ mother
 - Danny Duncan
 - Mike Smith
 - Betty Martin
 - Anna Blohm
 - Rose Stapleton
 - Carlos Rickman
 - Jack Kelly, Jill Grove’s father
 - Jack Gray
 - Richard Young
 - Glenda Helton
 - Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
 - Manuel Harrison
 - Georgia Gholston
 - Melanie & Judy Cortea
 - Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
 - Robert Seay
 - Rita Thompson



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 10:00 am. Sanctuary