

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

(Please see newsletter for more details.)

**Today:**  
 4th Sunday of Advent  
 10:30 a.m. Children's Nativity (no Worship and Wonder)  
 Session does not meet

**Monday, December 24:**  
 Christmas Eve  
 Office closed  
 5:00 p.m. Christmas Communion and Worship Service  
 (not come and go)

**Tuesday, December 25:**  
 Christmas Day  
 Office closed

**Wednesday, December 26:**  
 No Mission Quilters  
 No W.W.A.  
 No W.O.W.  
 No Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, December 31:**  
 New Year's Eve— office open

**Tuesday, January 1:**  
 New Year's Day— office closed

*Today's flowers are celebrating  
 the birth of Jesus - our Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords, Emanuel!*

**BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for information for the Sunday bulletin is Fridays at 8:00 AM and the deadline for the newsletter is Mondays at 8:00 AM prior to each newsletter mailing.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

If the roads are icy, the Sunday schedule will remain the same. Please use your discretion. On Wednesdays, if schools are closed due to bad weather, we will not have W.O.W. or Choir Practice (unless otherwise notified).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR TODAY**

**Liturgist:**  
 Rev. Taylor Young

**Ushers:**  
 Scott Celusta– Lead Usher  
 Teresa Celusta, Ray Roby  
 Clark and Gina Wilbur

**Acolyte(s):**  
 Georgia Greene, Mary Claire White

**Children's Message:**  
 Tavis Gibson

**December 16, 2018 Report**

Sunday School	160
Worship	250
Offering	\$25,015.96
Needed Weekly	\$7,470.00

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Steve Louder  
 Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. E.G. Sims  
 Music/Senior Adult Minister.....Rev. Paula Louder  
 Pianist.....Ethebet Gibson  
 Organist.....Dr. Susan Jones  
 Assoc. Pastor- Youth/Young Adults/Children  
 .....Rev. Taylor Young  
 Office Administrator.....Jessica Morgan  
 Session Clerk.....Ashley Kettle  
 Preschool Director.....Alicia Coakley  
 Child Care Staff.....Kimberly Forsythe  
 Katrina Evans

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Sunday: Fellowship - 9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday School - 9:30 A.M. ~ Worship - 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday: W.O.W. - 5:15 - 7:00 P.M. ~ Choir Practice - 7:00 P.M.



# Service for the Lord's Day

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

December 23, 2018

10:30 A.M.

## Stepping into God's Presence

### Welcome and Announcements

(As the prelude is played, please begin to prepare your hearts in silent prayer for worship.)

### Prelude

### Nativity Processional by the Children of the Church

*Congregation remain seated and join us in singing "Away in a Manger".*

Away in a manger no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky look down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Oh, come, let us adore Him; Oh, come, let us adore Him;

Oh, come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord.

### The Light of Christ Enters

## Honoring God in Song and Prayer

### Call to Worship

L: God is not dependent on what man glories in to make his own work glorious.

**P: Anything that God does is glorious, and marvelous in our eyes.**

L: Such was the case when God chose Bethlehem, smallest of the Judah clans, for Jesus' birthplace.

**P: From that insignificant village came our Messiah who feeds his flock like a shepherd!**

### Opening Prayer

### Lighting of the Second Advent Candle – the Candle of Love

**Kailey Sundstrom and Margaret Clark**

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope.

We light this candle for peace.

We light this candle in joy!

We light this candle with love.

### Scripture

Zephaniah 3:17

### Advent Prayer

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world.

**God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.**

### Registration of Attendance

### Children's Message

*Children fifth grade and younger are invited to come forward for the Children's Message.*

*There will be no Worship and Wonder today. Children will remain in the Sanctuary with their families.*

### Hymn of Praise

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

### Prayer of Confession

Father in heaven, the little town of Bethlehem creates a beautiful vision in our minds. It is easy to us to look back in history and see it as a sacred place. But our vision is not as clear when we look at the present, to see within our own community, that here, too, is where Christ is to be born.

**Forgive us for looking elsewhere for evidence of the Messiah, without looking to ourselves that he may come to life within our society. Let this Christmas be a joyful experience as each of us, in our humility, discover the birth of our Savior within our neighborhoods! AMEN.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Merciful, Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hallelujah! Amen!**

### Anthem

*"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

## Giving Thanks to God

### Offertory Sentence

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" —1 John 3:17

### Offertory

### Offertory Response

"Doxology"

### Prayer for the Offering

### Call to Prayer

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

Called to Tell  
**Hebrews 10:5-10**

### Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon

"God's Gift"

### Invitational Hymn

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

### Benediction

### Extinguishing of the Candles

### Postlude

### Taking Forth the Light

## *Prayer Concerns*

Christina Akin

Ann Anderson

Dee Brock

Charle Henry Bryant

Susie Burchett

Mike Carter

Jace Coakley

Amanda Cochran

Gary Coplen

Joe Creek

Shannon Dowdy

Christine Durham

Margaret Farmer

Charlston Fisher

Bobby Frey

Randi Gibson

Charlotte Godwin

Gerald Godwin

Tanya Hammond

Max Hochstetler

Peggy Hunter

Ken Kirby

Timothy Logan

Bobby Mai

Dave Marr

Beverly Martin

Walker McCutcheon

Allison McLeod

Vicki and Jim Muzzall

Noble Noel

Debbie Norris

Russ Parchman

Mary Lu Persinger

Alyce Powers

Garrison Roberson

Jimmy Roberts

Mike Robinson

Kathie Roby

Homer Salyer

Linda Shipes

Chris Sills

E.G. Sims

Allysa Smith

Earleen Smith

W.L. Smith

Richard Strange

Marcus Thornhill

Bettye Tidwell

Bob Tidwell

Greg Troupe

Brody Wallace

Kay Watkins

Eileen Weatherford

Alex Wilshire

Pam Wilson

Jessie Winfield

Don Winters

Linda Wyatt

Delta Yarbrough

missionaries,

law enforcement

officials,

first responders,

school staff,

our shut-ins

our students,

our youth,

our military,

our nation,

our world.

Liturgist

Cheryl Routzahn

Liturgist

Tiffany Robertson  
No. 809

Rev. Steve Louder

No. 155 (verses 1 & 3)  
Rev. Steve Louder

In Unison

Liturgist

Liturgist

Rev. Steve Louder

No. 152 (verse 1 and 3)

Ethebet Gibson