

Opportunities to Worship, Learn and Serve

Today's Flowers---Given by W.I. in memory of Betty Yearby.

Poinsettias---The cost for the wonderful poinsettias is \$14.50. All orders are due no later than Dec. 17.

Senior Lunch---Tuesday, December 19, lunch at noon at church.

UMW ---This month the UMW will meet on December 19 at 7:30p.m. at Antioch Church. The program is Christmas/Incarnation: The Sacred Space of God with us/in us presented by Barbara Callis, all women are invited to join us!

Beginning Sunday, December 17, the prayergrams will be done a little differently. The prayer list will stay on the lectern as people enter the church and, as usual, add your prayer concerns to that list; however, the attendance manifest that constitutes the actual prayergram will be passed around during worship service for people to sign. It has been noted that people are not signing the prayergram and if that is their choice, that's fine. This is such an important ministry that the more signatures we get, the recipient will see that many more people prayed for them that Sunday. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

Serving Next Week, December 24

Greeters - Trudy Wilkins

Acolyte - Colton Neal

Nursery -

Worship Leader - Tessie Bacon

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*Loving God
Loving People
It's What We Do*

December 17, 2017

Serving Today

Greeters - Barbara & Earl Callis

Acolyte - Robert Hite

Nursery - Katlyn & Bobby Moseley

Worship Leader - Earl Callis

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PRAYER LIST

Diane Bacon
Tommy Cage
Eduardo/Katie Carrillo
Joe Coleman
Myrl and Anne Crowder
Jerry Davidson
Dorothy Driskill
Destiny Hostetter
Family Marvin Lebanc
Family of Carolyn Roberts
Family of Bernard Wilson
Family of Betty Yerby
Tommy Hite
D. C. Keeter
Krissy Linkletter
Jean McAden
Wanda McCorkle
Kelly and Joel Meeks
Military families away from
home
Ashby Murray
Gary Newcomb
Mae Overby
Gary Peebles
Keith Purvis
Lois Raba
Roger Reese
Wendy Ripberger
Roger Tanner
Tom Tanner
Jack and Betty Thompson
Unspoken
Caroline West
May West
Tineey Whalthrop

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

You are welcomed in this place, God loves you!

*The Gathering

Third Sunday in Advent

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior of all grows in her womb. She sings boldly when she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Marys among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

(Light two purple candles and the pink candle.)

*Song of Praise *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* # 64

*Prayer for Christ's Presence

O Christ we long for your coming. Hasten that day when those who seek you in every nation will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south and sit at your table. Hasten the day when your Kingdom will come in all its glory and suffering and pain will be overcome forever. Hasten the day when we will be resurrected as a great family and live in peace, harmony, joy and love together in your kingdom.

THE MESSAGE

Children's Time A light

Old Testament Lesson Luke 1:46-55

The Message Advent through the eyes of Mary

TIME OF GRATITUDE

*Song of Grace *How Great Thou Art* # 77

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving Our Gifts for God's Kingdom

*Praising God

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING

*Sending Song *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* # 89

*Blessing

No matter what you've done, where you've been or what you've been through, Remember that God loves you!