

*Our Service of Worship*  
*1st Sunday of Advent*

10:55 am

December 2, 2012

\*We invite those who are able, to stand during these acts of worship

**Gathering Music**

**Announcements**

Rev. Tilk

**Opening Scripture**

**Chimes**

**Opening Voluntary**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Handbells

arr. by Hal H. Hopson

**Lighting the Altar Candles**

**\*Processional Hymn**

# 213

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

# 881

**\*Gloria Patri**

# 70

Glory be to the Father and to the son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end – Amen. Amen.

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Sarah and Grace Watson

**Story for All Ages**

Sarah Haas

*Jesus Loves Me*

# 191

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Following this, all children through Kindergarten

Are invited to “Children’s Church” time next door in our Education Building.

Parents may pick them up there following the worship service.

**Prayer Sharing**

**Call to Prayer**

Rev. Tilk

**Morning Prayer**

Rev. Whitehead

**The Offering**

Ushers

**Offertory**

Hand Bells

*Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming*

arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

# 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power  
uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Service of Word and Table**

**Anthem**

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

Hand Bells

arr. by Michael Bedford

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds**

**by the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**that, as the Scriptures are read**

**and your Word proclaimed,**

**we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 1: 1-8

**Sermon**

“Expect a Miracle”

Rev. Tilk

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn**

# 196

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Partita on “Savior of the Nations, Come”*

Patricia Herrington, Organist

Don Freudenburg

**Worship Matters**

We want to remember and lift up in prayer these folks: Victoria Dickeson, Jo Ann Hamilton, Jimmy Harris, Angus Hinson, John Laing, Marjorie Morgan, Betty Ann Rodgers, Marian Shook, Cheryl Smith, Lyle Wright. Also, those men and women serving in our military overseas: Adam Fay, Lance Hines, Monte Jackson, Sam Phinney, Stephen Smith, Nick Tsamuotales and Kip Wright. Also, our sister church Santa Clara in Cuba.

Our heartfelt sympathies to the Fletcher family on the recent loss of **Hal Duncan Fletcher, Sr.** who died on November 26, 2012.

The rose on the altar is in loving memory of **Lyla Victoria Burchnell** (June 3, 2000 - December 8, 2002) given by UMW Evening Stars.

Communion offering today will benefit the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund  
This service is being recorded to produce DVD’s for shut-ins

## Announcements

UMW Board meeting is **Monday, December 3** at **10am**; covered dish dinner and memorial service at **6pm**.

Reminder....make your reservation (875-2808) for pictorial directory – **December 6, 7 or 8**.

Mark your calendar for *Lessons and Carols* music special on **Sunday, December 9** during worship service.

### **Poinsettia order deadline is today!**

Family night covered dish dinner and live nativity will be **Sunday, December 16** at **6pm** (chicken will be provided)

If you would like to contribute **\$35** for a Christmas food basket for a needy family, please place in the offering plate or send to the church office. Our goal is to be able to serve 30 families in Gadsden County. Thank you.

### **Our Presence Last Week**

Worship	65
Sunday School	22

### **Our Stewardship Last Week**

General Fund	\$28,780.00
Plate Offering	\$62.00
Sunday School	\$6.00
Children's Home	\$25.00

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