

Our Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

10:55 am

December 3, 2017

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

Gathering Music

Announcements

Lighting of Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Today begins our Advent watch.

In watching, we build anticipation.

We prepare for the One who came as light in the darkened world.

For One who brought hope to the poor and lonely and lost.

Our expectation is to celebrate the time of his arrival.

We wait and watch with reverent hearts; come Lord Jesus, come.

Introit

The Advent of Our God

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Lighting Our Advent Candle of Faith and Hope

Wait and watch in faith and with faith, that the babe born in Bethlehem was Christ the Messiah, Savior of the world.

We have faith that Jesus was God's gift proving his love for sinners and bringing God's promised salvation to those who believe.

Wait and watch also in hope and with hope,

Even in the face of life's struggles, God's Holy Spirit fills us with the hope of eternal life, and becomes the sign of our blessed assurance.

*Advent Songs

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Advent Prayer

God in Glory, you have made Your Will and Way known to us through the prophets, Your Son and the Holy Spirit. We ask that now you give us a special motivation to respond to their call and forsake any word, thought or deed that would keep us from Your salvation. We are faithfully waiting to celebrate the Nativity of Christ the Savior with joy. And we are waiting in hope of His glorious return from Glory to usher us into Glory where we will live in Your perfect love forever more. Amen.

Anthem

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob

Chancel Choir

Story for All Ages

Jesus Loves Me

Amy Rooks

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Sermon

Rev. Ankeny

Invitation to the Table

*Communion Hymn

I Come With Joy

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this Table of Yours, O Holy Lord, trusting on our own righteousness, but rather in Your many and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But Your Love toward us is constant and sure. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to partake of this Sacrament of Your Son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen

Receiving the Sacramental Elements

*Closing Hymn

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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*Benediction

Postlude

Nathaniel Brown, Organist

Worship Matters

Our heartfelt sympathies to W.O. Whittle and family on the recent death of his sister-in-law, **Frances Neff "Rusty" Whittle** on November 28, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yoga class – Monday’s – 6:30pm; Knit Wits – Tuesday’s – 2pm

Children’s Helper TODAY: Dianne Croley
Sunday, December 10 – Sabrina McMillan

Monday, December 4

10am- UMW Board meeting

12n- UMW covered dish luncheon and memorial service

Wednesday, December 6

6pm – Bible study

Friday, December 8

6pm – Downtown Quincy Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 10

3pm – Voces concert (sanctuary)

6pm – Children’s Nativity and Family Night covered dish dinner

Accepting donations (**\$40 per basket**) for a Christmas dinner to be given to local families. Please mark your check or use a pew envelope “**food basket.**” **Deadline: December 10.** Thank you.

Big thanks to everyone for their donations to Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes through Samaritan’s Purse! Our church gave **47** boxes and our drop-off location took around **350** boxes to Tallahassee Heights UMC. Special thanks to Betty Sprengel, Carole Fletcher, & Julie Young for packing the boxes and Jim Durrwachter for transporting the boxes to Tallahassee! Check after-Christmas sales for next year’s boxes. Thanks!!!

~Amy Rooks

Our Presence Last Week

Worship service	58
Sunday school	10

Our Stewardship Last Week

General Fund 2017	\$2,471.32
Plate cash	79.00
Sunday school	6.00

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