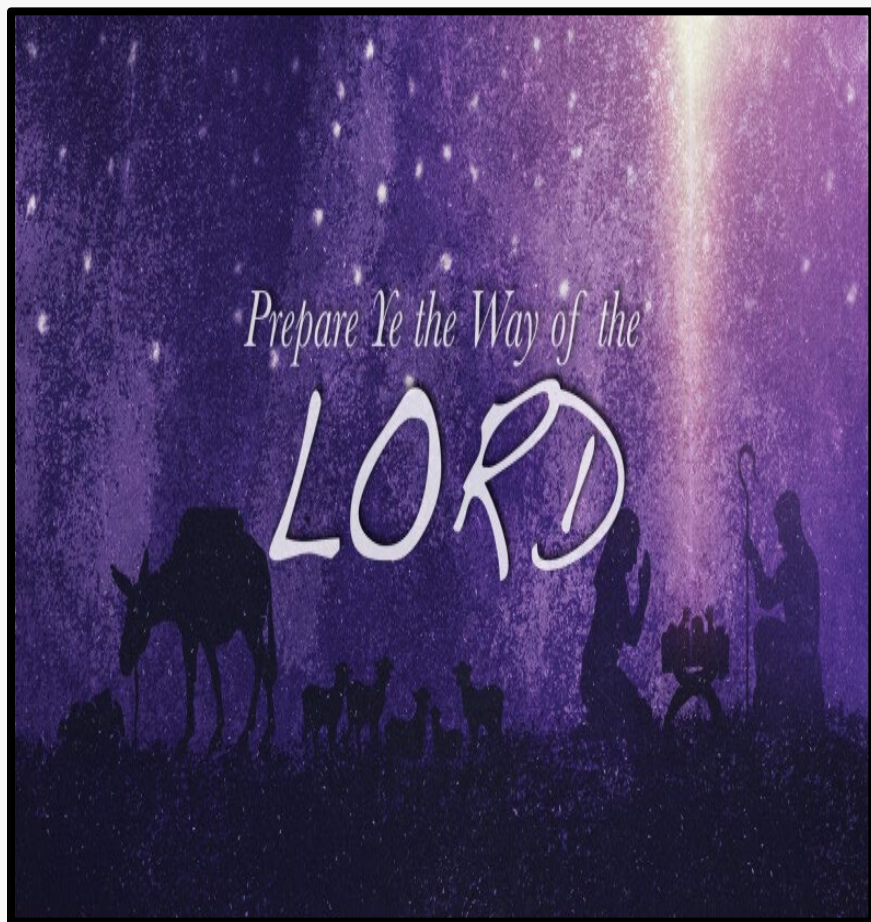


2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



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*OFFERING/DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER		UMH 95
*HYMN	<i>“HE IS BORN”</i>	UMH 228
*GOSPEL READING		<i>ST. LUKE 3:1-6</i>
SERMON	<i>“PREPARE!”</i>	PASTOR THOM
* HYMN	<i>“SILENT NIGHT”</i>	UMH 239
*LEADING OF THE LIGHT AND BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE		GARY MAYNARD

**Please stand only if you are able.*

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday School	Each Sunday	10:00am
Exercise Class	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:00am
<i>(Come join us to become spiritually and physically fit!)</i>		

BACKPACK MINISTRY

For December, please donate soup with pop-top lids or peanut butter and crackers. **THANK YOU!**

NEXT SUNDAY – December 15

The Women’s Circle will be putting together Christmas bags for those not able to join us for church. If you have volunteered to contribute an item, please have it to the church by next Sunday and stay after worship service to help put these Christmas bags together and we will need volunteers to distribute.

Christmas cards are in the parlor for “those unable to attend church”. Please sign as we will put with their Christmas gift bags. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

If you want an easy way to send Christmas cards to your church family, we will have a card box in the vestibule and we will sort and have them available for pick-up in the 1st classroom on the left on 1st floor, each Sunday.

Prayer List

If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.

Please pray for these individuals with current needs:

**Lisa Arthur's sister
Joe Barnett
Zander Blankenship
Frankie Clark
Dave Davis (ICU)
Bill & Jenny Daniels
Bill Hively
Shirley Kizee (biopsy)
Marcus Kirby**

**Patty Lewis
Priscilla McAfee
Roy Preston
Ridley Oldfield
(Steve & Lynn Pyles grandson)
Bo Smith (broken hip)
Laura Thaxton (Car Accident)
Family of Jimmy Green (passed)**

Please pray for these individuals with long-term needs:
**Shirley Bias, Bob Carrico, Jill & Jim Combs, Milton Clay,
Jeff Hunt, Stacy Malcolm, Howard Marcum,
Tom Maynard, Ashley Stender**

Remember those not able to join us for church:
**Betty Craig, Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty,
Ruth Kelley, Patricia Morgan, Mabel Pillion, Jim Reed,
Harold Sowards, Gene Ward, Dan & Shirley Webster**

Pastor Thom Malcolm	Cell: 304-654-9440
Stephanie Malcolm,	Home: 740-451-0510
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Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh	Cell: 304-633-3680
<i>(Office Hours: Wed & Thurs – 2:30 – 4:30pm)</i>	
Music Director:	Gary Maynard
Pianist:	Gary Maynard
Liturgist:	Donna Wolfe

**Bulletin information needs to be in the church office by
Wed, 2:30pm.**

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RESPONSIVE READING

Luke 1:68-79

God's tender compassion

Leader: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David,

Leader: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

People: that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Leader: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

People: that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

Leader: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

People: to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

Leader: Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."



LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH Candle of Peace

Leader: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

Congregation: In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God's peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God's grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God's love throughout the earth.

Leader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kin-dom comes on earth as it is in heaven.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE

We appreciate those who shared pictures of their loved ones to be placed on our first Christmas Memorial Tree. We hope that this becomes a special tradition and provides a way to remember those dear to us.

Kiel Blake
Tom Blake
Billie Cammarato
Dean Carrico
Birch Copley
Jack & Regena Curtis
David & Joyce Ferro
Becky Given Friedman
John Given
Tony Hay
Darwin & Loretta Hetzer
Gina Tyson Karpinski
Don & Lillith Linville
Doug & Ruth Maynard
Max & Norma Parks
Lawrence & Elsie Perkey
Minetta Rice
Jim & Faye Taylor
Gerry Tyson
Jay & America Ward
Raymond & Joyce Ward
Gene & Marge Wheeler
Jim Wheeler
Janice Lusk & Tyler Woolwine
Joe Woolwine