December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

# THE PEOPLE COME To Wait Before the Lord

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY (10:25 a.m.)

Sandra Manning

#### **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.

#### **PRELUDE**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear ......arr. Richard Willis Karen Sawyer

#### To Light the Candle of Peace

Winstead Family

LEADER: Today is the second Sunday in Advent, the time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ

PEOPLE: We wait expectantly to celebrate God sending His Son to bring us a peace that the world cannot give.

LEADER: We find it clearly stated in God's word: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end..." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

PEOPLE: And in the words of our Lord, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (Luke 14: 27)

LEADER: As we light the candle of peace, we will remember the instruction of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 3:15: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body."

#### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

#### \*RESPONSE

Hope, **Peace**, Joy, and Love......BAUGH Handbell Quartet: Anthony Engrassia, Katie Engrassia, Blaine Pittman, Tim Surles

#### INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Brenda Viverette

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed he Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will he done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 77

#### To Remember the Promise

**READING OF THE WORD:** Luke 1:26-35, Titus 2:11-14, I Thessalonians 4:13-17 (RSV)
Dr. Clay Warf

# SILENT PRAYER

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

#### To Offer Him Gifts

#### \*OFFERTORY CAROL NO. 89

O Come, All Ye Faithful / ADESTE FIDELES ......ASH GROVE (stanzas 1 and 2)

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pam Bass

\* AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY......veni emmanuel

## To Bring Good News

#### A TIME WITH CHILDREN

(children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church)
Susan Edwards

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 82**

Emmanuel ......McGEE

#### **WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC**

Prepare the Way! ......Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

**THE MESSAGE:** "The Message of Christmas: Hope"

(First in a Series)

Dr. Warf

## To Lay Claim to Our Hope

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone......Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

#### \*COMMISSION and BLESSING

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel REFRAIN .....VENI EMMANUEL

#### \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

# THE PEOPLE DEPART To Live in Hope

#### POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....arr. David Lasky Clyde Patterson

#### The Ministry of Worship Participants

Dr. Clay Warf, Transitional Pastor Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education Clyde Patterson, Church Organist Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

<sup>\*</sup>Congregation stands, who are able

#### **Today**

Deacons: Brenda Viverette & Pam Bass Children's Church: Ashley Winstead Nursery & Toddlers: Stephanie Shumate

#### 2025 Financial Summary for 48 Weeks

#### Member Prayer Request

Patsy Carty Shirley House Chervl Rice Judy Edwards Sue Jenkins Edith Skinner Weedie Hayes Kay Leggett Chuck Taylor Claudia Mull

#### Prayer on Behalf of Members

Johnathan Sawyer Harrison Barnett Family of Charlee Skinner Irma Boulden Anne Gray Carolyn Jernigan Janice Smith Dexter Denton Paul Patterson Wanda Surles Rudy Frazier Family of Ellen Ward Pam Gault Craig Powell Douglas Whitehurst Johnny Rackley

#### Card Ministry to the Homebound





# Special Called Business

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.

to adopt the budget





# American Red Cross Help save a life.

appointment today.

# Schedule your blood donation

Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:30 - 6:00 p.m. redcross.org/give-blood

NBC Host Volunteers needed Contact: Fran Werts



# Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 11 (Meet at Autumn Care) 🗀 🔎 1:00 p.m. – Autumn Care, Ńashville 2:15 p.m. - Brekenridge, RM Questions? - Contact Blaine





# Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas Card Drop-off

Drop off cards for active NBC members at the display table in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by each Sunday to pick-up cards for you until Sunday, January 4. Make a contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Envelopes will be at the AV table and in the Fellowship Hall).

# ADVENT CONCERT SERIES

Noon followed by a light lunch

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 Jane Graveley & Beth Kupsco flute & piccolo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 Robert Morehead organ & piano

