

Second Sunday in Advent – December 6, 2009

First United Methodist Church

Gathering Time and Announcements

Anne Morris, Finance Chair

Let Us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *On Jordan's Bank* Puer Nobis/Michael Burkhardt

*Call to Worship *Here I Am To Worship* Hughes
Youth Choir

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise No. 228 *He Is Born* 18th Century French Carol

Lighting of the Advent Candle Thomas & Daphne Smith
Chorus No. 211 Sing Stanza 2 – after the lighting of the Candles

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and
nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways
to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Musical Drama *Good News* Billingsley
Music Makers and Young Musicians
(No Children's Church Today)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still". Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. AMEN

Words of Assurance

Prayer Request

Chorus No. 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Redner
sing stanza 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Mark Hayes
Please take a name to pray for during Advent Season as the basket is passed during the offering time.
Invitation to Giving
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
* Presentation, Doxology and Dedication

Anthems *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 13th Century Plainsong
Chuck Wright, soloist
Light One Candle Natalie Sleeth
Nicole Griffith, soloist

*Scripture *New Testament – pg 72* Luke 3: 1-6

*Sermon *Prepare The Way* Rev. Mike Sykes

*Hymn of Response No. 206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Thomerson

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Benediction *Go Tell It On The Mountain* Spiritual

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude *All Glory Be to God on High* arr. Hopson
*Stand as you are able

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted Poplin by Lisa, Phillip and Patrick.

Circle #8 will meet at the home of Martha Hamer – Monday, December 7th. We will meet in the church parking lot at 5:30 pm.

Circle #3 will meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 am to go to Fatz on Tuesday, December 8th.

Circle #9 will meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, December 8th at 6 pm

SPRC will meet in the conference room at 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 10th.

CALENDAR

Sunday – December 6, 2009

8:30 am United Methodist Men's Family Breakfast
9:30 am Sunday School Fellowship
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:55 am Worship Hour
3:00 pm Disciple III – Bynum Bldg.
6:30 pm UM Women Executive Mtg. – Bynum Bldg.

No Youth Choir or MYF Today

Monday – December 7, 2009

10:00 am Musical Exercise
6:30 pm Disciple I – Cameron Morrison's

Tuesday – December 8, 2009

10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday – December 9, 2009

3:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday
6:00 pm Disciple IV – Bynum Bldg.
6:30 pm Disciple I – Bynum Bldg.
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday – December 10, 2009

5:00 pm SPRC

VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Steve Webb Team
Nursery: Sunday School: Greg LeBerth
Worship Service: Mindi Grant
Greeters: Bill & Carole Frye
Clyde & Bettie Davidson
Hedge Prayer: Outreach Bible Class
Hermitage: Buena Vista Coggin (Story Telling)
Sunday School Fellowship Refreshments for December – Ledbetter Class

Wonderful Wednesday Afterschool Program will meet this Wednesday, December 9. We will have our Christmas Party. Your child can bring a \$1.00 wrapped gift that can be given to a boy or girl.

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Budget & Attendance Information – 2009

<i>Operating Budget (Includes Bynum Bldg. loan payment)</i>	\$ 576,696.00
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 532,293.44
Given to Date	\$ 429,218.63
Percentage Given	80.64%
Percentage Behind	19.36%
Bynum Building Loan Balance	\$ 125,409.00
Worship Attendance Last Sunday	203
Sunday School Attendance Last Sunday	119
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 1,612.50

Dear Congregation,

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