

**Chiming of the Hour**

The Lord be with you.  
**And Also, with you.**

**Gathering**

Get ready, people of God! The time is at hand.  
**Now is the time to wake from our sleep.  
Salvation is near to us.**

**Pastor Don**

**Hymn**

*“Joy to the World”*

**Hymnal 246**

**Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

**Hymnal 203**

**Affirmation of Faith (1 Timothy) UMH 889**

**Leader:**

There is one God and there is one mediator,  
Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all to whom we testify.

**People:**

**This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:**

**That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,**

**And was manifested in the flesh,**

**Vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels,**

**Proclaimed among the nations,**

**Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory**

**Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen**

**Gloria Patri**

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.

**Children’s Moment**

**Hymn**

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

**Hymnal 240**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Offering/Doxology**

**Advent Scripture**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.

<sup>16</sup> On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing.” <sup>18</sup> “I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. <sup>19</sup> At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles; I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. <sup>20</sup> At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the LORD.

**Advent Reading**

“Meaning of the Advent Candle”

**Sermon** “The Preparation for Christmas (Joseph)”

Matthew 1:18-25

**Sending Forth**

*“Spirit Song”*

**Hymnal 347**

**Benediction**



**Reader One:** It’s a reunion, every time we go home, every time we embrace those we love, no matter how long it has been. It feels like sunrise, like the clouds are parting and the rain has ended. It is joy, nothing less than pure joy to grab hold of those who are home for us, who make home for us. Whether we wake up to them every day, or travel many miles to see them again, it is joy to go home.

**Reader Two:** The prophet Zephaniah tells us to rejoice at the thought of going home. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then to live like that was our truth even now, even here. It is joy to go home.

**Reader One:** John the Baptist reminds us, however, that it takes choices to live in this joy. It doesn’t just happen; we choose to make life a joy by how we love others, by how we serve and give and care for others, by how we do the job we do and how we impact the world around us. We build joy as we build a home in this world and the next.

**Reader Two:** We light these candles, the candle of hope, and of peace, and of joy, as a sign that we are on our way home, and we walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. It is time to go home.

Light three candles in the Advent wreath. If using a rose or pink colored candle in the wreath, this is the time to light that one.



**Contributions for Last Sunday**

General Fund \$2,765.00 Christmas Poinsettias \$24.00  
**Total Received: \$2,789.00**

**Total Expenses: \$4,106.90**

(Accounts Payable: \$2,268.74 + Payroll \$1,838.16)  
 Total expenses are for 12/15/2024 – 12/21/2024)

**Attendance**  
**57**



**Trinity Family Concerns**

Annette Avery	Brynn Barringer	Garrett Crowder
Bobby Edwards	Linda & Rex Fleming	John Greene
David Jones	Sandra Kinsaul	Hillary Seymour
Mac & Anna Smith	Peggy Weldon	Becki Wright

**Extended Family Concerns**

Joe Adams (Charlotte’s Son-in-law)  
 Jason Adcock (Nancy Scott’s Son)  
 Iris Avery (Ronnie & Sharon Spann’s Friend)  
 Marie Bryan (Walter Champagne’s Aunt)  
 David & Terri Childs (Joyce Spivey’s Brother and Sister-in-law)  
 Pat Coutant (Walter Champagne’s Sister)  
 Melissa Glass (Tammy Abram’s BFF)  
 Mike McCullar (Darlene Chessher’s Brother)  
 Willene Pyle (Ann Dobbs’ Sister)  
 Ed, Trey, and Caroline Poole (Laura Jones’ Family)  
 Holly Spikes (Becki Wright’s Granddaughter)  
 Doug Spradlin (Andrea Stitcher’s Dad)  
 Lillian Woolrich (Friend of Walter & Diane Champagne)

Shelley Alexander	Wanda Barrett	Jim Bryant
Pam Daley	Terri Dietsch	Emily Elliott
Ron Elzey	Max & Dorothy Fleming	Bill Gerding
Jimmy & Susan Graham	Tiki Hendricks	Jennifer Johnson
Jonathan McLendon	Shirley Norman	Ronnie & Alberta Powell
Joann Shavers	Matt & Brenda Shirley	Leane Skinner
Lonnie Smith		



*December 15, 2024*

**“The Preparation for Christmas”**

*We exist to fulfill the call of our Lord Jesus Christ by connecting people to God, loving one another, and serving Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*\*Connect\* Love\* Serve*

**Sunday, December 15**

- \*10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ~ *Sunday School:* David Anthony Class
- \*10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ~ *Bible Study:* Cole & Samantha Lawson
- \*10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ~ *Children’s Bible Study:*  
 (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Darlene Chessher
- \*11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. ~ *Children’s Christmas Program*  
 (Reception Following)

**Tuesday, December 17**

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. ~ *The Walk*

**Thursday, December 19**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. ~ *Pastor Don’s Class*

**Thursday, December 19 ~ TLC Christmas Dinner**

**Saturday, December 21**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ~ *GALA Quilt Guild*

**Sunday, December 22**

- \*10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ~ *Sunday School:* David Anthony Class
- \*10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ~ *Bible Study:* Cole & Samantha Lawson
- \*10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ~ *Children’s Bible Study:*  
 (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) Darlene Chessher
- \*11:00 a.m. ~ Morning Worship

\*Nursery Provided

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, December 22</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Head Usher: Ronnie Spann, Nikki Page, and Jamie Stockman	Head Usher: Ricky Wade, Robin Wade, and Brenda Taylor
<b>Greeter</b>	Paul Lyon	Walter Champagne
<b>Counters</b>	Nikki Page and Nancy Scott	Ralph Morris and Brenda Taylor

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**  
 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.