

## Assisting with the services December 1

**8:30 AM Advent Readers:** Rick & Amy Wise  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Scott Buchholz, Jan Schilling  
**Communion Servers:** Bill & Sandra Abernathy  
**9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation:** Sandra Abernathy  
**11:00 AM Liturgist:** Ken Sloane  
**Advent Readers:** Neil & Mary Ann Rogers  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Barb Huebel, Frank Pitts

## Assisting with the services December 8

**8:30 AM Advent Readers:** Steve & Frankie Cashion  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Scott Buchholz, Jan Schilling  
**9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation:** UMM  
**11:00 AM Liturgist:** Betty Cooley  
**Children's Message:** Lynn Patterson  
**Advent Readers:** Andy Ferris Family  
**Ushers/Greeters:** Barb Huebel, Frank Pitts

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- \***Breakfast with Santa**, Saturday, December 7, 8:30 - 10:30 am, fellowship hall.
- \***ANGEL TREE** gifts are due back December 8 unwrapped in a gift bag with the Angel tag attached.
- \***The Christmas Card Mailbox** is available in the back of the sanctuary. **You may leave cards for those who attend worship and will pick them up.** Be sure to check the box each week and pick up cards left for you.
- \*Blue Christmas service is Dec. 11, 7 pm.
- \*Chancel Choir concert is Dec. 15, 11 am.

### POINSETTIA/PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER

We have the opportunity to honor/remember our loved ones at Christmas. We can do this one of two ways:

1. Purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of....
2. Give a donation to "Project Peanut Butter" in memory or honor of ....

\***PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER (PPB)** seeks to advance the treatment of severe malnutrition, the single largest cause of child death in the world today, using effective, locally produced ready-to-use therapeutic foods. This non-profit is formed to provide needed nutritional and medical support primarily to children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond.

Complete the order form inserted in your bulletin and drop it in the offering plate.

## Weekly Calendar

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/1*	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 8:30 AM Modern Worship 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM Youth - FH  *Food Pantry Sharing Sunday item is Ramen Noodles
<b>MONDAY</b> 12/2	9:00 AM Sparrow's Nest 6:30 PM One Board Meeting - Chapel 6:00 PM Scouts 6:00 PM Sinfonietta Orchestra
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12/3	11:00 AM Yoga 5:00 PM Trustees Mtg. - CR
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12/4	9:00 AM Sparrow's Nest 3:00 PM Food Pantry 5:30 PM Brownie Troop - Rm 311 6:00 PM Hand Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12/5	5:30 PM Pack Backpacks - FH 6:00 PM Yoga Class
<b>SATURDAY</b> 12/7	8:30 AM Breakfast with Santa - FH
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/8	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast - FH 8:30 AM Modern Worship 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation - FH 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM Youth - FH

CR - Conference Room    FH - Fellowship Hall, Door D

### STEWARDSHIP

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open doors

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December 1, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 AM



*Welcoming All, Loving All, Serving All*

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**Worship Music Leader - Branson Clark**  
**Pianist - Jesse Bobick    Organist - Bobby Medlen**  
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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
8:30 AM**

**WELCOME/GREETING**

**\*MUSIC**  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Praise Band

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE**

**Rick & Amy Wise**

Leader: From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.” Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars; the desperate need of the people of earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**People: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate with God’s grace already at work in our midst.**

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**\*MOMENT OF HOSPITALITY**

**\*MUSIC**  
*Even So Come*  
*You Are My King*  
Praise Band

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**  
Pastor Theresa

**SERMON**

*Hope in a Coming Day*  
Pastor Theresa

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Theresa

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Pastor Theresa

(Please take this time to leave your offering in one of the offering plates.)

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Glorious Day*  
PRAISE BAND

**\*SENDING**

Pastor Theresa

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

**11:00 AM**

**ENTRANCE**

**\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Chancel Choir

*Everyone can be seated for the choral introit and announcements*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ken Sloane

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**ADVENT CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

UMH 204

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH 213

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ken Sloane

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor Theresa

Leader: God’s mercy and steadfast love are eternal.

**People: God shows us the way to abundant life.**

Beu, B.J.;Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024 (p. 238) Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor Theresa

**ANTHEM**

*Light of Peace*

Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Pastor Theresa

**SERMON**

*Hope in a Coming Day*

Pastor Theresa

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Ken Sloane

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Ken Sloane

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**SENDING FORTH**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Pastor Theresa

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

UMH 240

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor Theresa

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as you are able*



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