

December 17, 2017, 10:45 AM

Second Sunday of Advent

Please utilize the time of Prelude for silent prayer and to center your heart and mind upon God.

Also, please turn off any cell phones.

Tolling of the Chimes

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please take a minute to sign the Registration Pad, then put in the offering plate, Thank you!)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Shadman Family

*A Time to Make Connections

*Opening Hymn

“The First Noel”

UMH 245

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Come, continue on the journey. It is not far now.

All: But where are we going?

Leader: God is welcoming us to God’s kingdom.

All: Can we see it from here?

Leader: We see it in the faces of those who know of God’s love.

All: Will that same love be given to us?

Leader: It already has been given, and his name is Jesus! He is God’s beloved Son,

our Light and Hope.

All: Quickly, let us journey toward his light. Amen.

*Songs of Praise

“What a Mighty God We Serve”

“You Deserve the Glory”

Prayer of Confession

(Isa 61, Ps 126, 1 Thess 5, John 1)

Merciful God, although we want to be people of justice,

we are more comfortable with how things are than with how things ought to be.

Although we want to liberate the oppressed,

we don’t want to acknowledge our participation in structures that oppress.

And although we want to rejoice in the coming of Jesus,

we would prefer that it not cramp our already busy schedules.

Forgive our reluctance to enter wholeheartedly

into the radical good news of your incarnation. Forgive us.

Heal our pride, our need to be in control, and our acceptance of the status quo.

Heal us. Free us from the bonds of sorrow, and turn our tears into prayers of thanksgiving.

Free us. Transform our lives into a garden where justice and joy grow and bloom in abundance. Amen.

Praises, Concerns, and Morning Prayer

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord,

Incline your ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

Scripture Reading

John 1:6-8, 19-28

(NT 91 & 92)

The Chancel Choir Ministry

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Traditional French Carol

Kids Message

Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me” (Stanza 1)

UMH 191

The Sermon

"Who Are You?"

Rev. William D. Carter, III

Offering of Our Gifts, Our Tithes, Our Selves

The Offertory

*Offertory Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(overhead) **UMH 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Closing Hymn:

“What Child Is This”

UMH 219

*Benediction

Postlude

***Please stand as you are able.**

Participating in Worship Head Usher: Rob Challender Liturgist: Leila Muckelston

Counters: Bruce Buzalski, Cheryl Watkins

Prayer Request Cards: In pew rack, fill out card and place in offering plate.

Please Pray For: All who are suffering, Bruce Misner, Gus Haines, Jewelie and Gary, Doris Croshaw, AnnaMarie Lane, Sandy Minton and family, the Angus family, Shannon, Lillian, Tommy.

(Please update when possible so we know when prayers have been answered.)



*The Flowers on the Altar
Are in Loving Memory of Odessa and Virgil McMasters
From Don and the McMasters Family*

Needed Each Week: \$2,900.00 [YTD \$145,000.00] Attendance Last week: 50

Received Last Week: \$2,570.84 [YTD \$154,938.43] **Loads of Love:** Needed \$150 [MTD \$15.00]

(For a successful Loads of Love event about \$150 is needed per month. Please give generously)

UP COMING INFORMATION:

*Sunday, December 17 ~ Donations of desserts needed for the Free Community Dinner,

2 PM – 4 PM. Contact Mariko at 609-320-7199

*Tuesday, December 19, 2017 ~ A trip to the Brooklyn Tabernacle for “A Christmas Celebration.”
Dinner at Sylvia’s Restaurant at 4PM. Tabernacle at 7:30 PM. Leaving Pemberton UMC at 2 PM.
Cost is \$40.00 per person – covers transportation, dinner and the “Celebration.”

*Wednesday, December 20, 7 PM ~ Chancel Choir Ministry Rehearsal.

*Thursday, December 21, 9:30 AM ~ Bible study in the chapel.

*Friday, December 22, 7:30 AM ~ Red Lion Diner Christian Brothers
also “Sister’s Auxiliary” same time.

*Sunday, December 24, 7 PM ~ Christmas Eve Service.

2017 Flower Chart is up. Please sign up for Altar Flowers.

*Tuesday, December 26, 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm ~ Food Pantry. God’s Closet will reopen
in January. Our Food Pantry needs your donations. We need food and your presence.
Clothing Donations are needed for God’s Closet Ministry.

*Please update your contact info, birthdays and anniversaries.

Birthdays - Judy Misner (21)

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