

Nottingham United Methodist Church
November 29, 2020 11:00 am Morning Worship
First Sunday of Advent

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line for David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. Luke 2:4-5

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

MUSIC MINISTRY OF PATSYAND JIM

OPENING PRAISE "His Name is Wonderful" -----UMH 174
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"-----Chorus

WELCOME AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP "To Know God's Love"-----Insert (Back)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -----UMH 881

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Joy to the World" -----UMH 246

PRAYER TIME

MUSIC MINISTRY OF LIZ KISER

SCRIPTURE/SERMON-----Pastor Bill Porter

HYMN "O Come Let Us Adore Him"-----Chorus

†CLOSING PRAYER

MUSIC MINISTRY OF PATSYAND JIM

† CONGREGATION STANDING

PASTOR: *Bill Porter*

MUSICIANS: *Patsy Mercer, Jim Putman, Liz Kiser*

AUDIO/VISUAL TECH: *Aaron Sams*

LAY LEADER: *Velena Wheatley*

TELLERS: *Velena & Jean*

Records for Sunday, November 22, 2020

Sunday School |On Line Worship 105| Morning Worship 30|

Tithes/Offerings \$2708.00| Wednesday Bible Study 9|

Property Fund \$696.76| Paving Fund \$1157.00

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS. *You can continue to mail checks or give at Church. Offering containers are located on foyer tables or go to Nottingham's Website and click ONLINE GIVING if you are interested in this way of giving.*

Prayer List: *Jerry Elliott Family, Eva Kilbourne Family, Vivian Farley Family, Rev. Ken Pierce Family, Carolyn Tipton Family, Patricia Jo Taylor Family, Tweed Family, Robert Snodgrass Family, Gerald Cox Family, Donald Ray Family, Brian Davis Family, Bob Miller Family, John Renfro Family, James Tilley Family, Eddie McMillan Family, Kyle Donihe Family, Burton Keese Family, Shirley Blackburn Family, Mary Cole Family, Ray Yates Family, Larry Falin Family, Sam Kelly Family, Marian Kurapka Family, Stan Wells Family, Helen Tipton Family, Gladys Goode Family, Douglas Cox Family, Elliott Smith Family, Ray Kerney Family, Charlie & Lois Anderson, Anna Bishop, Bird Blackburn, Edna Carico, Otis Dockery, Kristen Dykes, Sharon Edwards, Midge Falin, Faye Fansler, Vivian Farley, Gran Fields, Orbin Fleenor, Charles Goode, Wanda Helms, Kenneth & Patsy Herron, Danny Horne, Melanie Horne, Nadine Horton, Carl and Lynn Johnson, Richard & Sherri Jones, Bessie Keene, Drexie & Ken Key, Herb & Lois Kyllonen, James Lane, Jackie McConnell, Mike McConnell, Scott McConnell, Sally McDowall, Patsy Mercer, Rev. Jeff Moncier, Shelia Newton, Perkins Family, Kim Potts, Linda Porter, Nell Powers, Jim Putman, Elise Richards, Ruth Richards, Martha Richardson, Bonnie Robinson, Michelle Salling, Gary & Norma Smith, Joan Taylor, Karen Taylor, Kate Warren, Flo Wolfe, Rev. Jeff Wright & Sandy Wright, the lost, our troops, the brokenhearted & discouraged, our President and leaders.*

Today is the First Sunday of Advent -The word "Advent" is a Latin word meaning "Coming". That is what Advent is all about. - Preparation for the coming of Jesus. The First candle is HOPE - ignite in us Hope. Jeremiah 33:14-16

Today is United Methodist Student Day Offering - Special offering envelopes are in your bulletin.

Today is Holston Home 5th Sunday Offering
Special offering envelopes are in your bulletin.

Welcome to New Members - Courtney and Kasey Ballard, Aaron Sams, Charlotte Magnuson, Alan Magnuson, Andy Richards, and Elise Richards. We Love You! We are so blessed to have you!! God is so good!

Mendota Worship - Sundays, 3 pm.

Bible Studies - Continue this week at Mendota @ 10 am and Nottingham @ 12 pm.

Thanksgiving Day Meals - We served over forty- nine meals by drive-thru. It was a special blessing!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - We had a total of 27 shoe boxes; six from Mendota and 21 from Nottingham Thanks to Courtney and Kasey for delivering the boxes to a collection station. Thank you for packing a box. Many children will be blessed by this ministry

In Person and Online Worship - As we continue our In-Church services, our online worship continues also, please send prayer requests to the office by email, phone, Facebook, etc. You may call the Church office and leave a message (276-386-3771) or Pastor (423-914-5156). As the Covid -19 numbers rise in our area, we stay committed to safety for all. Our doors are open, facemasks and distancing are required. Again, if you are ill and feel unsafe, please do not attend in-person worship but join us for on-line worship. The Conference Task Force has recommended that we do not have in person worship but, that decision has been left up to the individual churches. Our district, as most districts in our conference are in the red (High -risk) status. Our return to worship committee meets regularly, looks at the data, and decides for our church. Thanks for your commitment in safe worship.

Please continue to pray for everyone on our Prayer List. Pray and give thanks for those working in hospitals, nursing homes, pharmacies, food stores, etc. Pray this disease will be erased from the earth and our memory. Pray for our President and world leaders, our government workers and elected officials. Pray for wisdom and understanding for leading our country. Pray the word over families, our congregation, friends and neighbors. Pray and believe - 1 Timothy 2: 1-3; Psalm 91:10; Philippians 4:19 and Psalm 103: 1-5. God is with us and for us! Please continue to minister and care for one another by phone, cards, text messages, emails, etc.

November Birthdays: Helen Goode (1); Jaclyn Bailey (1); Chase Bellamy (3); Glenn Ecker (4); Charlie Anderson (5); Rick Davis (9); Courtney Ballard (10); Wayne Yates (11); Danielle Calhoun (16); Willard Rufus Walters (20); Elaina Katherine Calhoun (21); Jessica Burke (25); Lloyd Porter (25); Ken Key (25)

November Anniversaries: Cody and Tamra Hensley (12); Charlie & Lois Anderson (28); Porter & Irene (28); Jerry & Brenda Sams (29)

December Birthdays: Shania Calhoun (6); Scott McConnell (6) Trevor Light (7); Roger Baker (7); Kenneth Herron (7); Randy Marcum (8); Ruby Craft (13); Nell Powers (21); Ellen Taylor (22); Kristi Gilliam (28)

December Anniversaries: Lewis & Norma Safriet (30)

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Christmas Activities

- Sunday - November 29** First Sunday in Advent. Light the first candle.
- Christmas Decorating** This is our plan for 2020 due to the pandemic: Our Nativity Set will be placed in the sanctuary in front on stage area and not in the foyer. (Double doors need to be accessible). Our sanctuary wreaths will be decorated with the Chrismons and ribbon - hung lower for better visibility. There will not be decorations in the foyer, hallway, classrooms or fellowship hall.
- Christmas Cards** We cannot distribute Christmas cards at church as we usually do. However, we have a plan that we can still make sure we send Christmas greetings to our Church Family. Please send a picture of yourself and/or your family to numc@sctv.coop as soon as possible. We will put you and/your family's photo and Christmas greeting on the screen for the entire congregation to see and receive in the place of a paper greeting card. This is going to be fun!
- Sunday - December 6** Second Sunday in Advent. Light the second candle. Special music and Christmas readings.
- Sunday - December 13** Third Sunday in Advent. Light the third candle. Special music and Christmas readings.
- Christmas Program** Normally, we have a Christmas Program on the Sunday before Christmas Day that would take place in the sanctuary. Due to the Pandemic, this is our plan: Hopefully we will pre-record the program including children OUTSIDE. Our program is "The Christmas Story" consisting of Joseph & Mary, Shepherds, Wise Men, etc. This will be presented on **Sunday, December 20**. Also we will have special music and readings on this date.
- Christmas Bags** Our children/youth are always blessed at Christmas with a gift bag. The congregation is invited to bring items or card with money and place them in the individual bags. Due to the Pandemic, this is our plan: We will still bless the children/youth with the gift bags. If you want to help with this ministry, Irene will pick up the items or you can call and leave at front door of Church. She will prepare the bags and will deliver to the children/youth.
- Christmas Baskets** Our wonderful elderly neighbors will receive a gift fruit basket again this year. If you would like to help deliver or if you know someone that would be blessed by this ministry, please let the office know by phone or a written note placed in basket on office door.

Christmas Day

On Christmas, we usually have a community meal in the fellowship hall for anyone wishing to attend. The Meal was served from Noon- 3:00 and take outs delivered to those confined to home. There was always sweet fellowship along with scripture and testimonies.

This year: Community Christmas Day Meal from Noon -1:00 pm. Most of the food will be catered. A maximum of five people will work in the kitchen and fellowship, wear masks, use disposable gloves, and social distance. The food will be placed in take-out containers and an individual will place the tray on an outside table. Recipients of the food will drive around the Church and pick up the take-out tray(s). If weather permits, our picnic shelter tables will be set up and distanced. Families and individuals can enjoy a meal there. We will have a table with hand sanitizer, Lysol, masks, and gloves.

To Know God's Love

I feel like singing this morning, O Lord.
I feel like telling everyone about how great You are.

But my songs are so often off-key.
My speech is so inadequate.
I simply cannot express what I feel,
 what I know to be true about Your love
 for Your creatures upon this world.

The heavens and the earth beneath them,
 the trees that reach toward You,
 the flowers that glow in colorful beauty,
 the green hills and soaring mountains,
 the valleys and the plains,
 the lakes and the rivers,
 the great oceans that pound our shores,
 they proclaim Your greatness, O God,
 and Your love for the sons of men.

How glorious it is to be alive, O Lord!
May every breath of my body
 every beat of my heart,
 be dedicated to Your praise and glory

