

Nottingham United Methodist Church
December 20, 2020 11:00 am Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." [Isaiah 9:6](#)

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 "Come Let Us Adore Him "-----Screen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -----UMH 881

† THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Silent Night" -----UMH 239

ADVENT WREATH

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, December 13, 2020

Sunday School |On Line Worship 42| Morning Worship 32|

Tithes/Offerings \$329.00| Wednesday Bible Study 7|

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.*

Honor Jesus with a special Christmas offering this year

Prayer List: Sharon Leonard Edwards Family, Annalee Begley Family, 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, Charlie & Lois Anderson, Anna Bishop, Bird Blackburn, Edna Carico, Otis Dockery, Kristen Dykes, Midge Falin, Faye Fansler, 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. Pray for Pastors Jeff Moncier, David Rose, David Gilbert, David Poore, Steve Templeton, Mark Huffine and Phil Hoskins.

Today is the Fourth 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 was lit for Hope - Hope in God's Presence with us. Then we lit the second candle for Peace - Peace in each step of our Journey. Last week we lit the third candle, the candle of Joy. It reminds us of the joy the world received at the birth of Jesus - Joy experienced and shared. Today we light the fourth candle of Love. Love one another.

Mendota Worship - Sundays, 3 pm.

Wednesday Bible Studies - Continue this week at Mendota @ 11 am and Nottingham @ 1 pm. *This is a time change for both meetings.*

Children's Gift Bags Several gift bags have been delivered. We will finish delivering the remainder of the bags on Monday. There were 31 children/youth blessed by this ministry. Thank you for your donations.

Christmas Day -We will celebrate Christmas Day with a Meal Pick-up/ Delivery Ministry. We cannot host an in-Church fellowship meal as usual but if you would like a Meal or know someone that we could bless with a meal, we need the name **by Wednesday**. You may call the church office (386-3771) and leave a message or you can leave a note in the box on the office door. We will host this event from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. The menu is ham, chicken, sweet potato casserole, chunky cooked apples, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and a variety of desserts.

RING THE BELLS - A Message from Bishop Taylor - Friends, 2020 has been a year of difficulties, tragedies, and numerous losses. Many of us find ourselves in the minds of our own bleak despair, but my prayer is we remain in the hope, peace, joy and love found in Jesus. I heard about a discussion that took place on the Holston Clergy Facebook page and was excited about a suggestion that was made for our churches to ring their bells on Christmas Day. What a wonderful way we can remind our neighbors God is still alive and his righteousness will prevail. So at noon on Christmas Day, I would like to invite all of our churches to ring their church bells. **Nottingham will be ringing their bells on Christmas Day.** Let us ring in the hope that is found in Jesus the Christ.

Remember - There are *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Christmas Day is the first day. Let's celebrate all twelve days - Give thanks and praise to the Lord!!

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.

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 Coved -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 or 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.

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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