



A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World

“LOVE Came In A Manger”

December 4, 2022

As we step into the second week of Advent, I continue to teach for new ways to enjoy the Christmas season. One way is going into the sanctuary and sitting in the balcony and watching the sun enter into the room. As the sun shines, there is this amazing scene where the stain glassed windows shine on the Chrismon tree. It helps me to understand that there is a simple message that allows me to slow down and breathe...LOVE CAME IN A MANGER!

I know with all of the craziness in the world, we have a tendency to truly forget about the simple things in life. We tend to plow through the day and never take a moment to breathe and be thankful. Most of the time, we are only thankful when we get through the day and remember to give thanks for just making it. I don't want to ever live a life in that manner. I strive to find the presence of God in each day. I try to find a way to get away from all of the distractions and watch the LIGHT show me LOVE.

The world before Jesus, truly did not fully understand love. I mean they understood Eros which demonstrated an emotional desire or self interest love as it refers to the love set aside for marriage. They had experienced Storage love as a strong emotional bond for family as a connection between parents and children. They knew Philia or brotherly love that was more of an action of connection between deep friendships. All of these types of love was something that was connected to the world and was easily seen through the actions of humanity.

Then LOVE came in a manger. With the birth of Christ, Love took on a new name. Agape love was born as soon as Jesus took His first breath. This unconditional love is something that cannot be fathomed by humankind. It is a gift that is given by God through His immeasurable, incomparable love for us. Agape love is God's perfect, unconditional, sacrificial and pure love for His creation all over the world. We can not fathom it because we cannot truly understand the sacrifice it was for Jesus to leave heaven and come to earth. Honestly, we are too selfless and stingy in our love and that is why God's Agape love is so significant.

Love came in a manger to walk and experience the true struggles of sin in the world. Love came and was born in a feeding trough to demonstrate the humility it takes to share this love with the world. There is no human comprehension for why God was willing to give us this gift outside of the incomprehensible understanding that God loves us more than we could ever imagine. It is a love beyond love that was truly revealed on the cross of Golgotha.

God saw the world in need and released His love in a way that is truly unbelievable. In complete humility we have been given this gift, not to keep, but to give away. A present that we truly do not deserve but was given with nothing more than LOVE in mind. Receive this gift and pass it on.

In His grip,
Jason



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Don Goodroe** by Annette & Amy Walters; Neita & John Denny; Georgia & Fred Wise; Lynda & Bennett Massey

Oliver Wayne Baas
born November 25, 2022 to
Grace and Dylan Baas

Congratulations to the proud parents! A rosebud is placed on the altar by the church.

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA

One silent night long ago, a birth story began that forever changed the world. Please join us for our Cantata "One Silent Night" by Pepper Choplin on December 11th at both services.

ADVENT PRAYER TIME

Wednesday, Nov. 30
Noon - 1 p.m. & 6:15- 7:15 p.m. (drop by)
Chapel

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

New holiday cards \$5.00 each
see Randy Autry or Suzanne Supple
All proceeds go to the needy.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us in celebrating the holidays with our homebound by Christmas Caroling. We will be leaving at three-o'clock on December 18th to see as many of our homebound members as possible. After caroling we will be returning to the church to gather around the table with hot soup to warm back up from our singing. Please contact Will Walley or the church office if you would be interested in singing with us, and if you would be interested in volunteering to make a pot of soup for the fellowship time after or bring a small dessert.

2022 END OF YEAR GIVING

Please be sure to send your end of year contributions before December 31. Submissions postmarked after Dec. 31 cannot be counted for 2022. Also, gifts of stock and online payments must clear by Dec. 31. Thanks for helping us meet our budget needs!

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Back by popular demand, the Wynnton Chancel Choir will sing a congregation and choir favorite this Sunday; *Angels Are Making Their Rounds* by Pepper Choplin. Originally part of a larger work, *Night of the Father's Love*, this remarkable anthem has been recorded by numerous choirs. In his words, Pepper Choplin describes *Angels Are Making Their Rounds* as a "song that communicates a holy stirring on earth as angels began appearing to different people." Musically, this song slowly builds as each voice is added, reaching an impressive crowning point as all voice parts weave together to share the message of their story.

"Angels are Making Their Rounds" by Pepper Choplin
Angels are making their rounds, O what a beautiful sound, angels are making their rounds. Fear not, Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer. Elizabeth will bear a son. Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God. O blessed one, you have found favor with God. Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Fear not, Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife, for she carries a holy Child. Unto you is born a Savior, glory to God and peace on earth, for now the Lord is with you. Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Gloria, O gloria, now the Lord is with you. Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound. Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds. Fear not, Zechariah, Fear not, Joseph, Hail, O blessed one, the Lord is with you.

Luke 1:13

But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

Luke 1:28

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Matthew 1:20

But after He considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

Friday, December 2nd
7:00-7:30am Prayer Breakfast
CFA on Whittlesey Dr.

Sunday, December 4
4pm Adult Leadership
5:00 p.m. Youth Supper
5:45-7:00 p.m. Organized Chaos:
“Ugly Sweater Contest”

*Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
*Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010



Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Bldg.'s first floor children's church room next to the nursery.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of December. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

PECAN SALE

Joyful Noise Sunday School class is selling pecans to raise money for missions again this year.

Pecan Halves are \$12 for a 1-pound container, or \$7 for a half pound container.

Pecan pieces come in 3 sizes - small, medium and large. They are also \$12 per pound.

Chocolate pecans come in half pound containers - milk, dark, or white chocolate and they are \$9.

Contact any member of the Joyful Noise Sunday School class to place an order or have questions answered.

The last order will be made on **December 4th**. Thank you for your support in this important fundraiser.

UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

With the New Year, we will be looking to revive our adult ministry programming. If you would like to take part in planning and preparing events for our adult members, please contact Michaela Walley at mwalley@wynntonumc.org.

Wednesday Night Prayer & Book Study

Wednesday Night
5:30 p.m.
Alpha Building

The Gift of Being Yourself
David G. Benner

Facilitator: Deb McCranie
706-536-5580

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Isaiah Reflection 10

After this week we will have only one more set of verses with Isaiah before we move into our Advent readings. This week, as we prepare to close out Isaiah, give some thought to all that has gone on throughout this book. More than anything though, think about what this book has been preparing us for. Isaiah helped to bring about the promised King that we are getting ready to welcome this Advent season. The arm of the Lord is not too short to save. We are getting ready to welcome a Savior, the birth of a King. So, as we start Advent remember, Prepare the Way for the Lord. -Will

December 4: Isaiah 58:1-14
December 5: Isaiah 59: 1-19
December 6: Isaiah 59:20-60:22
December 7: Isaiah 61:1-62:12
December 8: Isaiah 63:1-14
December 9: Isaiah 63:15-64:12
December 10: Isaiah 65:1-25

Trinity House

Wynnton Neighborhood Housing will be working on Trinity House the next several Saturdays from 8:30 until about 1:00. If you would like to volunteer, you can come anytime during those hours or contact Bill White (706) 527-3309.

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

December 4: Team 2: Scott McCranie,
Harold Hill, John Taylor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5 Martha Smith, Lisa Torbert
7 Maria Bannon
8 Kenny McLaughlin, Fred Wise
9 Mike Blasingame, Chris Dryman,
Ann Hartin, Carole Sears
10 Lochlan Lipp

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-27-22

General Fund.....	8,456.00
Endowment.....	175.00
Loose Offering.....	11.00
Missions.....	150.00
Sunday School.....	43.00
Thanksgiving.....	1,633.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

11-27-22

Early Morning Service.....	41
Morning Service.....	110
Sunday School.....	83

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Peace Came Down
Romans 15:4-13

Dr. Jason Wade

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.



Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Lynn Christenson	Dorothy Robinson
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
Daro Miller	Jim Accordino
David Woolbright	Denise Hill
Pam Feagle	Benjamin Feagle
Julee Robinson McGehee	Barbara McKenzie
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Lucy Hart	Agnes Tew
Andy Andresen	Joy Graham
Sue Pope	Freddie Richardson
Doris Rowe	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:
Family of Don Goodroe

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Dec. 2-4
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
5:00-7:00 p.m. Basement - Youth

Monday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, December 6

Office Closed - Run-off Election
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Library
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

Wednesday, December 7

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
12-1 p.m. Advent Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
5:30 p.m. Prayer & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:15-7:15 p.m. Advent Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

Friday, December 9

7:00-7:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.
11:30 a.m. Goodwill Christmas Party - Wynn House

Saturday, December 10

8:30-1:00 p.m. Trinity House Work