



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

“Hope Is Always”

November 27, 2022

The word advent comes to us from the Latin word adventus which means coming or an arrival in preparation. We have stepped into the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. I know that many of us spend so much time planning and plotting our schedules from Thanksgiving to Christmas as a race to a finish line. My prayer is that in this season of Advent, we are able to pause, pray and find Hope in all things.

I know that the struggle is real. I know that we are still living in a chaotic world that continues to do anything possible to stop us from finding the HOPE. I know that we have never thought of what it had to be like during the 400 years of silence between God and His people from the last words of the Old Testament to the first words of the New. I promise you, that every day was always filled with HOPE. From the first breath each day to the last one at night, there continued to be this anticipation of the HOPE of the ONE who was coming to change the world. They NEVER stopped talking and yearning for the day to come when Jesus would be born.

So, I say that to ask you this question, “Do you have HOPE ALWAYS?” I mean in the midst of crisis, frustrations and uncertainties, are you able to draw from the HOPE of not only the Messiah who came, but the King who is to return. I know that in my life that HOPE IS ALWAYS a part of the scenario. Whether it be today or 1,000 years from today, I continue to stand on the HOPE of what is to come. I am in constant preparation as I live out my days doing everything that I can to translate this same HOPE I find from the believers of the Old Testament, into a time of scheduling and preparation for the return of the Messiah.

HOPE IS ALWAYS a part of the conversation. HOPE IS ALWAYS a factor that continues to lead us in our journey of faith. If there were no HOPE... what is the reason for the Church? If there is no HOPE... what is the purpose of our gathering together and spending time in worship, discipleship and community. HOPE IS ALWAYS and will continue to be a part of God's plan for His people... His Church.

As we step into this Advent season, I challenge each of you to take hold of every moment in anticipation of what is to come next. Eternity is not something that should be feared, but is the fulfillment of the HOPE seen in the life of Christ. There is no doubt that this is the season to finally reclaim the HOPE that was lost during the years of Covid-19. TODAY is the day that we are reminded that HOPE IS ALWAYS with us because God has promised to never leave or forsake us.

I pray that you will join me in this journey of preparation and HOPE. I pray that you will open your ears to the Gospel as if you are hearing it for the first time and retrain your hearts to find the joy in each day. HOPE IS ALWAYS here... we have just forgotten what it means to yearn for the day the Messiah will return.

In His grip,
Jason



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Don Goodroe** by Cindy and Randy Autry

THANK YOU

Thank you to Martha Daffin and the Genesis Class and the Joyful Noise Class for decorating the church for the holidays.

POINSETTIA SALE



Cost: \$12.00
Deadline to order:
Wednesday, November 30
Delivery date: Dec. 8th

See a New Beginnings
Class member to order.

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.

Wynnton Neighborhood Network

New holiday cards \$5.00 each
see Randy Autry or Suzanne Supple

WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

WNN finds itself in a unique situation this year. With the supply chain problem and the limited amount of food available from USDA, the Network is having to purchase most of the food that is being distributed to our clients from local retail grocery stores. This has put a tremendous strain on our financial resources. Wynnton UMC has always been a very generous supporter of the Network during our focus months of March and November. But, due to the current situation, the Network is asking Wynnton, along with the other congregations, to give additional donations of food and/or financial contributions. This support will be greatly appreciated and used to help those in need in our community.

Items needed for the Holiday Distributions:

Cranberry Sauce	Mashed Potatoes
Brownie Mix	Cornbread Mix
Green Beans	Mac & Cheese
Corn	Pumpkin Pie Mix
Yams or Cut Sweet Potatoes	Stuffing Mix
Evaporated Milk	

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Finance Committee has designated our Thanksgiving offering to go to the Wynnton Neighborhood Network. You may make your gift anytime in November in a worship service or by mailing it to the church office.

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 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.



Friday, December 2nd

7:00-7:30am Prayer
Breakfast
CFA on Whittlesey Dr.

Sunday, December 4th

5:00 p.m. Youth
Supper
5:45-7:00 p.m. CORE
Group

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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

The word Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming." Our coming season of Advent brings anticipation, expectations, and hope. Hope arises when we see new possibilities, adopt new thinking, and make positive changes. Our anthems this Sunday reflect the desire to dwell in the presence of Emmanuel. We wait and we hope for the promised Messiah.

"My Spirit Waits for Emmanuel" by Pepper Choplin from "One Silent Night"

My spirit waits, my spirit waits for Emmanuel. My spirit waits, my spirit waits for Emmanuel. God with us, God with us, Emmanuel, God, come and with us dwell. God with us, Emmanuel, God, come and let your holy presence dwell. My spirit waits, my spirit waits for Emmanuel. God with us, Emmanuel, God, come to us and with us dwell. God with us, God with us, Emmanuel, God, come and let your holy presence dwell, Emmanuel. O come, O come, Emmanuel. God come and with us dwell, Emmanuel. My spirit waits for You.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

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

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.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Isaiah Reflection 9

What are you Thankful for? I think that's a question worth asking this week as we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare to move into Advent. As a question, there are so many potential answers. There is no answer that is really wrong for that question. But there is one answer that is the most right. God. The readings this week, much like most of the Isaiah readings we've done, point everything back to God. God has given us so much, and we have so much to be thankful for to Him. But the best part is that even with all the many blessings we have been given, still God continues to call us back to the table for seconds, thirds, and even fourths. God is not done with us yet. So, be thankful. -Will

November 27: Isaiah 51:1-16
November 28: Isaiah 51:17-52:12
November 29: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
November 30: Isaiah 54:1-17
December 1: Isaiah 55:1-13
December 2: Isaiah 56:1-12
December 3: Isaiah 57:1-21

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

November 27: Team 1: Dom Edwards, Dan Draughon, Gib Richardson

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Hope Is Coming
Isaiah 2:1-5

Dr. Jason Wade

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

27 Nancy Carrion, Erika George
28 Walt Hart
30 Bob Jones, Mitchell Torbert
1 Ginny Connelly, Jenny Horton,
David Toelle
2 Jonathan Calvert, Jace King
3 Donald Peek

OUR STEWARDSHIP

11-20-22

General Fund.....12,396.00
Loose Offering.....7.00
Sunday School.....40.00
Thanksgiving.....700.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....500.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

11-20-22

Early Morning Service.....44
Morning Service.....122
Sunday School.....85

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Nov. 25-27
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

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	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Kelsey Deriso
Family of Portia Jones
Family of Don Goodroe

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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27

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

Monday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
5:30 p.m. Prayer & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1

7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace
5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

Saturday, December 3

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