

**Youth News:**

- December 2, 2018 Play practice and lunch after church.
- December 16, 2018 Youth Christmas Program following church service.  
Friends are welcomed and encouraged!

**Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 6:00 PM.

**Prayer Group** meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00. All are invited to participate.

**Choir** meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00.

Join us next Sunday, December 9, for the annual **Christmas Cantata**. This year, the choir presents “The Glory of Christmas”.

The **lectionary readings** for Sunday, December 9 are: Malachi 3:1–4; Luke 1:68–79; Philippians 1:3–11; Luke 3:1–6.

Elder – Byron Beard

Bulletins –

Nursery – Denise Rose and Kendell Hensley

**WELCOME VISITORS**

If you are visiting, we are pleased to have you share in our worship and invite you to consider membership. Please sign a GREEN visitor’s card and then place it in the offering plate. Following the service, the pastor will be happy to speak with you about any concerns. Prayer requests are welcomed by all.



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**December 2, 2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**Holy Communion**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*Stan Webster, Minister*

*People:* **And also with you.**

Welcome & Concerns of the Congregation

Prelude

*Cheryl Wissmann, Organist*

Introit

\*Responsive Call to Worship

*Psalm 25*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

**for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

**for they have been from of old.**

Good and upright is the Lord;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,

**and teaches the humble his way.**

\*Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

*Red Hymnbook, #148*

\*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Nellie Pate and Keith Whitson*

Anthem "The Lord Comes"

Congregational Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you,  
for all the joy which we feel for your sake before our God,  
praying earnestly night and day  
that we may see you face to face  
and supply what is lacking in your faith?  
Now may our God and Father himself,  
and our Lord Jesus,  
direct our way to you;  
and may the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love to one another and to all men,  
as we do to you,  
so that he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness  
before our God and Father,  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.**

Minute for Missions

*Dean Masters*

Young Disciples' Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Written Word (*Pew Bible page 699*)

*Leader:* The Word of the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

The Spoken Word

"The Strength of the Promise"

Prayer of Supplication & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

\*The Doxology

*Red Hymnbook, #544*

\*Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread

The Cup

Communion Prayer

\*Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*Red Hymnbook, #147*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

*(By All)*

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us,  
Revealed in us.  
His name is called Emmanuel.**

\*Postlude

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