



Immanuel United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

ENTER TO WORSHIP

Enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently, respecting the meditation of others, and opening to the presence of God.

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ

(The entrance of the Light into worship represents the Light of Christ among us)

Greeting

Ministry Updates

Children's Missions Collection & Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship: Emmanuel

*Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory

#220

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

#881

*Gloria Patri

#70

WE CONVERSE WITH GOD

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

WE GIVE TO GOD

God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#95

Anthem: It's Christmas (medley)

special by Darla Mills

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

pew bible pg. 961

Sermon: The G.I.F.T. Joy

*Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#224

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

(The Light of Christ goes out into the world)

POSTLUDE

DEPART TO SERVE

**denotes standing as you are able*

MINISTRY UPDATES



WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

We hope that you receive a blessing from the service and that you will join us again soon. If you are visiting, please fill out a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate.



OUR RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP 12/10/2023:

Sunday School Attendance: 8

Worship Service Attendance: 24

Offering Last Sunday: \$852.00

**needed per week: \$1,314.33*

"Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:8

Thank you for your continued support to your church!

(Family Life Center Building Fund to date: \$26,230.68)

Please continue to bring in your food items:

Canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter and jelly, pancake mix and syrup, pasta noodles and sauces (spaghetti sauce, etc), canned meats, all types of beans.



ADDITIONAL NEEDS!

- Laundry detergent of any type
- Any type cleaning products/supplies
- Plastic grocery bags!



~ COMING UP! ~

(at Immanuel UMC)

- Sat., December 23rd: Christmas Candlelight Service at 6:30pm
- Sun., December 24th: The Choir will present their Christmas Cantata! Come as you are!! Feel free to wear your Silly Christmas Sweater and kids, wear your Christmas Pajamas!

(at Duncan UMC)

- Thursday, Dec 21st: Blue Christmas Service at 6:30pm
- Sunday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service at 4pm



Visit us on the web at immanuelumc.com!

Immanuel UMC's mission statement:

"By God's GRACE and the GUIDANCE of the Holy Spirit we PURSUE Christ to become and make disciples for the transformation of the world."





Pam & Rick Arries
 Ruby Bailey
 Allison Bennett
 Tammey Bingham
 Mae Bonnett
 Marsha Bryant
 Ann Burnett
 Donna Chandler
 David Collins
 Judy Cramer
 George Benny Davis
 Scott & Bridget Diaz
 Monty Ennis

Kelly Everett
 Joyce Ann Ford
 Linda Fuller
 Roger Gossett
 Teresa Greene
 Corey Gwinn
 Cathy Hedrick
 Carolyn Henniss
 Carol Hooks
 Mabel Howard
 Janice Howell
 Caleb Hucks
 Jeff Keeling
 Mike Keeling
 Allen Lawson
 Marsha Lawson
 Mary Ann Lawson

Ron Lawson
 Lib Penland
 Melvin Pittman
 Richard Pittman
 Melinda Rittenhouse
 Will Sawyer
 Staci Sizemore & Family
 Corey Sullivan
 Jimmy Sullivan
 Pastor Suzy Sullivan
 Mrs. Sumerel
 Bree & Kason Trammell
 Kris & Bridget Trammell
 Kimberly Wanser
 Liz Welsh
 Sharon Wilborn
 Debby Zinnicki

Choir Practice is held Monday evenings at 6pm. We'd love to have you join us! Please see Phyllis Lawson for info!



Choir Practice

WAM (Wellford Academy Ministries):
 REMINDER! Remember to bring your cards, notes, and gifts of love and kindness for your Prayer Partners at Wellford Academy. Please see Cathy Sizemore if you have questions!

HELLO WINTER SOLSTICE!
December 21st
 The shortest day & the longest night of the year.



Save those stamps! The Christmas Card Exchange boxes are in the Fellowship Hall so bring your cards for your church family and place them in the corresponding box under the initial of their last name!



ADVENT

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means "the coming."

During these four weeks we are preparing for the celebration of the coming of Jesus.




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Sunday School 10:30am
 Worship Service 11:30am

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