

INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

PRELUDE "Advent Medley" (Burger & Choplin)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Waltman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?*

People: *We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.*

Leader: *The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.*

People: *We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.*

Leader: *Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.*

People: *Let us praise God for God's blessings in our lives. AMEN.*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Pg. 196

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. AMEN.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE See Insert

8:30 am Service – Leona Zirkel and Wayne Derry

11:00 am Service – Tom and Lee Hannon, Audree Lerner and Gina Webb

LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE SONG – (See other side of Insert for the Song)

DECORATING THE CHRISMON TREE

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 am Service)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "To Follow The Star" (Ritter)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Pg. 95

HYMN "Jesus, Name above All Names" See Insert

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Bethlehem Wind" (Martin)
Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 64:7-9 See Insert

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:28-37 See Insert

SERMON "Peace One Step at a Time"
Rev. Betty Batey

HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Pg. 382

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lift Up Your Heads" (Ritter)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Flowers on the altar are in celebration of
the beginning of the Advent Season*

PRAYER CONCERNS – Pray for those in need of comfort and mercy.

PRAYER CONCERNS offered up by the Youth can be found on the insert in this bulletin.

Please help to keep us aware of our church family and how we may best serve their needs. Thank you. The Office phone number is 727-842-7674.

THANK YOU to all who helped to decorate the church yesterday. The season has begun!

THANK YOU – Many thanks to all of you for your remembrances of my birthday. I am so grateful for your care. Pastor Betty.

ADVENT STUDIES BEGIN – “Call him God’s Son” is our new Wednesday Study. We will resume November 30 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm at the parsonage. “The Journey” by Adam Hamilton is the Sunday at 9:45 am study for the Change the World Class. Come be part of these new studies.

HOLIDAY CENTER – Volunteers are needed to help at the Holiday Center at the Metropolitan Ministries Pasco (Joining Hands) located at 3214 US Highway 19 in Holiday. Ask for Nancy Dougherty at 727-277-8351. You may begin bringing in toys and gift cards for the Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY – As a church, we are committed to the person of Jesus Christ, and we base our teaching upon God’s revealed word, the Bible. It is our desire that people come to place their trust in Christ to forgive and lead them, and that they grow in their relationship with Him. We seek to provide regular teaching, meaningful times of worship, and opportunities for fellowship, prayer, outreach, and numerous other ministries for youth.

Our upcoming events are:

November 27 – Small Group Bible study at 12:30 pm with lunch;

November 30 – Youth activities;

December 2 – Dodgeball Tournament at Tarpon Springs UMC, 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm;

December 7-14 – “Advent Bakers” (It is a youth outreach project for the homeless.);

December 10 – Christmas Parade (We are entering a float this year, so come join us as youth continue with ICION.);

December 11 – Youth Praise team singing at 11:00 am Worship Service.

We are going to park cars for the Annual Christmas Parade as one of the youth fund raisers on December 10th. If you can help on that night, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Matt Swartsel if you would like more information. The youth will also be participating in a Christmas drama for the Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your prayers and support.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE THURSDAY MUSICALE!! – Please join us on Thursday afternoon, December 1st, at 2:00 pm in the Living Word Church located at 5151 Rowan Road in New Port Richey. We will be singing your favorite songs of the season, and our guest artists will be the Pasco Hernando Community College Chamber Singers. See you there!!

SPAGHETTI DINNER – Next Sunday, December 4th, at 12:30 pm, Boy Scout Troop 8 is holding a fundraiser. Tickets are \$7.00 and takeout and preorders are available. Come out and support our Boy Scouts!

LOOKING AHEAD – Mark your calendars for the following activities:

December 11 – Open House at the Parsonage from 3:00-5:00 pm;

December 18 – Choir Tapestry at both services and Christmas Caroling from 3:00-5:00 pm;

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm;

December 25 – Christmas Day only one service at 10:00 am;

January 1 – New Year’s Day only one service at 10:00 am.

CONTINUE ICIYL – WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION –

WORSHIP – Prepare your hearts to be receive from the Lord when you come to worship. Read your Upper Room and the scriptures. Pray daily. Have an attitude of gratitude.

STUDY – Join one of the Advent Studies or study on your own. Books are available. The scriptures for the Second Sunday of Advent are: Isaiah

40:1-111, a voice in the wilderness; II Peter 3:8-15, wait for the Lord; Mark: 1:1-8, prepare the way of the Lord.

ACTION – Invite a neighbor to worship during Advent. Volunteer in the Food Pantry on Monday mornings or at Metropolitan Ministries during the Holiday Center. Speak to Ian about helping with our Youth Ministry.



SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Linda Waltman

Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeter at 8:30 am Service

**Gloria Peters, Evelyn Sheppard
& Betty Bushong**

Ushers at 8:30 am Service

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Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft

Greeters at 11:00 am Service

Irene Patterson & Pauline Long

Ushers at 11:00 am Service

**Rupert Bethel, Bill Maytum,
Vance Faulkenberg, Dana Zukunft**

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (11/28)

10:00 am Food Pantry

7:00 pm Wesleyan Guild at a restaurant TBD

TUESDAY (11/29)

1:00 pm WPUMW Executive Board Meeting, Room 1

6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Henderson Hall

WEDNESDAY (11/30)

10:30 am Bible Study at Parsonage

5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities

6:00 pm Bible Study at Parsonage

7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (12/1)

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 Meeting in Henderson Hall

7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1

SATURDAY (12/3)

**12:00 Noon WPUMW Annual Christmas Potluck Salad
Luncheon**

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