

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Sunday, December 11, 2016  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**White Christmas**

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**ENTRANCE**

*The people come together in the Lord's name.*

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PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of the barren land,

**ALL: flowers burst into bloom.**

One: In the midst of the dry desert,

**ALL: streams of water gush forth.**

One: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

**ALL: joy and gladness dance together, and we shall see the glory of God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God of Glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises. Come into our parched world and shower us with your rushing, abundant water of life. Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your love. Be born anew in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus; come. We are ready! Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, UMH 203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELLACOMBE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER, UMH 211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vv. 5-6)

VENI EMMANUEL

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER, UMH 895

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Gloria in excelsis Deo"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Cowling Family

One: May the joyful promise of the presence of God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

**All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!**

ADVENT SONG, TFWS 2090

"Light the Advent Candle" (vv. 1-3)

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

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**PROCLAMATION**

*The Scriptures are opened to the people.*

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

"Let Us Rejoice"

ANTHEM

"A Father's Love, A Perfect Rose"

arr. Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE, UMH 199

Luke 1:47-55

SERMON

"Keeping Promises"

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**RESPONSE**

*The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, UMH 883

"A Statement of Faith"

OFFERING

Offertory

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

arr. Michele McLaughlin

\*Doxology, UMH 95

\*Dedication of the Offering

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**SENDING FORTH**

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

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\*HYMN OF PROMISE, UMH 249

"There's a Song in the Air"

CHRISTMAS SONG

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

"Come, Holy Child of Peace"

Carl Ashley

Come, Holy Child of Peace,

Now as we leave this place,

Come, Holy Child of Peace;

Enter our hearts this day;

As we await the coming of our Lord,

Give us the strength to do your blessed will

Our hope will never cease.

with joy upon each face.

\*POSTLUDE

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\* = Please stand as you are able.

OT = Old Testament, NT = New Testament

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

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**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory and praise of Almighty God and in loving memory of my parents, Thad and Iredell Pope by Polly and Gordon Clapp.

**BY OUR PRAYERS...**

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Brandon Eaton	Ida Lawrence	Glenda Weisner
Tammie Arnold	Jerry England	Janice Lever	Roger White
Mary Lemuel Blalock	Elliott Gifford	Frances Opperman	Blount Whiteside
John Brown	Pattie Godwin	Teeny Perry	Jennett Whiteside
Chris Byrd	Mary Hardison	Rochelle Pope	Debra Winstead
Kim Byrd	Susan Horton	Chloe Ray	Cynthia Wood
Larry Carmichael	Sandra Jackson	Joanne Taylor	Ronnie Wood
Nancy Cooper	Family of Henry Jacobs	Nancy Thomas	
James Cooper	Family of Jeannie Jones	Irvin Warren	

**BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS...**

Sunday School Attendance	40	Offering Received	\$ 5,243.84
Worship Attendance	108	Weekly Cash Needs	\$ 6,830.05

**BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS...**

	<b><i>Serving This Week</i></b>		<b><i>Serving Next Week</i></b>
ACOLYTE	Dec 11 Kyle Parker	Dec 18	Beth Cowling
ALTAR FLOWERS	Dec 11 Polly Clapp	Dec 18	Martha Smith
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Dec 11 Cindy Coats	Dec 18	Martha Smith
	Huntsie Strickland		Samantha Butts
FINANCE	Dec 11 Rudy King	Dec 18	Larry Opperman
GREETERS	Dec 11 Whit and Laura Brewer	Dec 18	Cindy Coats
	Rudy King		Thomas and Betsy West
LITURGIST	Dec 11 Beth Cowling	Dec 18	Grace Wilson
NURSERY	Dec 11 Hope Tyndall	Dec 18	Addison Apperson
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS	Dec 11 Cowling	Dec 18	Coats, Crumpler, Wilson
	Dec 14 Coats	Dec 21	No Wednesday Activities
	<b><i>Serving This Month</i></b>		<b><i>Serving Next Month</i></b>
ALTAR GUILD	Dec Joyce Draughon, Cherry Ennis	Jan	Sharon Raynor, Joanne Taylor
USHERS	Dec Herman Medlin, Steve Parker, Larry Opperman, Paul Perry	Jan	Dal Snipes, Sherrell Taylor, Cory Wilson



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*Divine Street United Methodist Church*

**Rev. Elizabeth Gaines, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kristina Yeatts, Director of Christian Education**  
**Dr. Carl Ashley, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Mrs. Anna Bunn, Organist**  
**Mrs. Patti Queipo, Preschool Director**

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