

# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



December 22, 2019

**GREETING:** Willie Day

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Mya White

**LEADER:** The Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

**PEOPLE:** We have seen the sign and prepare for his coming.

**ALL:** We come to prepare and to open ourselves once again to receiving God's great gift of Love, Immanuel, God with us! Thank you for walking with us as we seek to walk with you!

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Willie Day

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:** Willie Day

**CONGREGATION:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v4)  
Projected

**SPECIAL MUSIC - "It's About The Cross"** Willie Day

**ANTHEM:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Chancel Choir  
Congregation joins the Choir on 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse..red..230

## CHILDREN'S NOISY COLLECTION

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Vince Thornburg

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Our Children

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** Pianist

Ushers will collect during this hymn – remain seated)

## \*DOXOLOGY

Projected

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:** Willie Day

## JOYS AND GLORY SIGHTINGS

Pastor

Annette

**PRAYER CARDS (Unspoken Prayer)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORDS PRAYER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Silent Night" Our Youth Group

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 1:18-25 Pastor Annette

**MESSAGE:** "Lost In Wonder, Trust, and Love" Pastor Annette

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION:** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"...red..234

## \*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**  
Congregation and Calvary Brass

Hark The herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## *\*Stand if you are able*

**PASTOR:** Rev. Annette Carper

**ORGANIST:** Lorayne Fischer

**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Charles McAtee

**GREETERS:** Dianne Holmes &  
Rebecca Lawson

**LITURGIST:** Willie Day

**ACOLYTE:** Mya White

**MEDIA:** Brenda Crow

**USHERS:** John Cunningham

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** None

Large print Red Hymnals and Praise Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please return them to the rack, when you are finished with them

Please turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices as you enter the Sanctuary. Thank you

## DID YOU KNOW?

### ADVENT WREATH INSIGHT

Our beloved Advent wreath, originally a German and Scandinavian home devotional practice, was used to mark the Advent season and the weeks until Christmas in the face of increasing darkness as the winter solstice approached. Families would light a candle for each past week and the current week at their dinner or evening time of prayer.

We can draw meaning from its original home use. Advent, the first season of the Christian year, is all about time. We await the day described in Revelation 21:23 when, "The city doesn't need the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's glory is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb." At Christmas we celebrate that in Christ, "The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world" (John 1:9).

Beginning in the late 19th century, Europe and America began including it in public worship. It became important for the candles to have meaning rather than simply mark time and add light. Ceremonies were developed around popular themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace based on scriptures from the one-year lectionaries used at that time. Purple (and more recently blue) has become the basic color of the candles to coordinate with color of the paraments used during this season. The third candle is pink called the "Shepard's Candle," because rose is a liturgical color for joy.



### PRAYER CONCERNS

**In Care Centers:** Stella Decot Lila June Bungard Margie Holt  
Hilda Runyan Susan Marl

#### Home Bound:

Dorothy Winland Carlene Cunningham James Cunningham  
Margie Younkins Mick Burk Elizabeth Boso  
Sherry Lusk Jim Bickerton Elizabeth Jaworski

#### Others Needing Prayer:

Bud Wood Jordan Heckart Tom Cunningham Bob Lucas  
Barbara Holt Laura Mae Hartley Matthew Burk Don Potts  
Harry Logsdon Jr. Joyce Hall Alice Buzzard Lyn Kyrk  
Janice Swartz Maria Watson Paul Brockus Lynn Gower  
Margaret Gower Richard Black Clarissa Powell Carter Family  
Becky Hill Sam Parker Bill Parker Eileen Dobbs  
Betty Hahn Megan Turner Vicky Aston Sherri Mullins  
David Gunn

**DISTRICT PRAYER:** The Northern District  
Retired Pastor: Rev. Jean Van Camp

**ATTENDANCE:** Sunday School 31 Worship 69  
**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING:** \$ 2,376.00

### BIRTHDAYS

December 22- Leah Cole December 24 – Vicki Dobbs  
December 28- Chris Zumbrunnen

### ANNIVERSARIES

December 23 – Bob & Carolyn Roberts

**LUNCH BUNCH** – Every Sunday after Morning Worship meet in the front hall if you would like to go to lunch together.

**PRAYER BLANKETS** –If you would like one, please fill out a form in the back of the Sanctuary or see Susan Burk. The blankets for this week are for Sugie Ross & Megan Pape.

**EMAILS** – If you have an email address, please give it to the office. Thank you.

*"Thank you all for the gloves, hats & scarves for the Burlington United Methodist Family Children's Service. They were reall appreciated by all who received them."* Missions

*"Thank you all who decorated a door. We raised \$107.65 for Apportionments. The door winners were: 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Randa Omear, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place -Kerri Richards & Debbie Bonar and 1<sup>st</sup> Place- the Win-One Sunday School Class."* Church Council

*"Thank you for taking an Angel from the tree. You made a little one very happy."* Missions.

*"Thank you to my Calvary Church family for the Christmas Gift. It was very much appreciated."* Love, Carol Littell

*"Thank you for the Christmas gift."* Gene Holt

*"Thank you for the Christmas gift and cards."* Elizabeth Jaworski

*"Special Thanks: Thank you so much for your Christmas gift. Love & Christmas Blessings to all!"* Pastor Annette

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**SCHEDULE OF THIS WEEK'S SERVICES**

**Sunday** - Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Cantata with Calvary & Washington Lands  
Choirs at Washington Lands UMC.....7:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday** – Christmas Eve Service.....11:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday** – Office Closed for Christmas

*UPCOMING*

January 1 – Office Closed for New Years Day

GOOD SAMARITAN ITEMS FOR DECEMBER Canned Meat Thank you
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<b>BLOOD DRIVE – AMERICAN RED CROSS</b> – Glen Dale Volunteer Fireman’s Hall – 207 7 <sup>th</sup> St. Glen Dale, Monday, December 23 11:00 – 4:00. Conner Dobbs, Boy Scout Troop #78 is working on his Eagle Scout Project. Walk ins welcome.
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**PHONE TREE** – The Prayer Chain is available from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. From **9 – Noon**, Monday through Friday call 304-845-2732 and give message to Carol. After Noon and on Weekends call:  
Carolyn McCafferty at 304-218-4190

**Or**

Tracy Omear - Home 304-845-2243      Cell 304-639-1155

*“Love God, Serve God, Share God”*

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