

+ + + + + **The 11:00 AM Order of Worship** + + + + +  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 9, 2018**

**GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD**

“All the believers were gathered together in one place” Acts 2:1

**Piano Selections**  
**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Please sign registration pad**  
**Joys & Concerns of the Church**  
**Greeting of Guests & Church Family**

**Sylvia Spencer**  
**Walt Hause, Lay Leader**

**OUR PRAISE TO GOD**

“They were praying and singing hymns to God” Acts 16:25

**Prelude**                      **“Tell Me the Story of (Baby) Jesus”**                      **Hand Bells**  
   **Heath Petersen, Director**  
**Lighting of the Altar Candles**                      **Taylor Davis & Zachary Briggs, Acolytes**

**Lighting of the Candle of Love**                      **Adele Durrance & Pat Huff**

**\*Hymn: UMH # 242**                      **“Love Came Down at Christmas”**

**\*Invocation**

**Anthem**                      **“The Prophet’s Song” (insert)**                      **Choir**  
   **Director: Bonnie Allen**

**Children’s Time**                      **Susan Bergdoll**  
Children are welcome to join Mrs. Gattie for Sunday school in the children’s worship room

**Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer**  
**Offertory Music**                      **“O Worship The King”**                      **Hand Bells**  
   **Heath Petersen, Director**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn: UMH # 221**                      **“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

**GOD’S WORD TO US**

“He started from scripture and told the good news about Jesus” Acts 8:35

**Scripture:**                      **John 3:16-17 (NIV)**                      **Walt Hause**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Sermon:**                      **“LoveVent”**                      **David Stump, Director of Youth Ministries**  
   **Community of Faith UMC, Davenport, FL**

**SENDING FORTH THE FAMILY OF GOD**

“And now I commend you to the care of God” Acts 20:32

**\*Hymn: UMH # 431**                      **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

**\*Benediction**                      **David Stump**

**\*Postlude**                      **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**  
**Richard Lake, Trumpet**                      **Bill Wright, Organ**                      **Sylvia Spencer, Piano**

+ + + + + **Finance Report** + + + + +

**Our church is trying to pay 100% of our conference liabilities this year. Every week we will post a report of our progress here. We appreciate your contributions. Weekly amount needed: \$697.00. Amount received last week: \$138.00**

**A full financial report will be included in the newsletter.**

**\* = Those who are able are invited to stand**

***Please remember these in your prayers, visits  
and other expressions of Christian love.***

**At home with medical issues:** John Anderson, Ed Etheredge, Judy Gay, Marjorie Gay, Mary Grose, Pastor Jim Hatch, Walt Heidel, Brandon Hess, Allye Martin, Marianne McMillin, Sylvia Mears, Ann O’Berry, Ruth O’Berry, Sara Odom, Bill Poe, Carolyn Presnell, Holly Sutherland, Lee & Louise Taylor, Ed & Eldora Thorn, Shirley Waller, Greg & Kathy Wood, Roger Waters, Chuck & Barbara Weaver, Pat Wright

**In military:** Chris Brooks, Victor Orem

**Needing prayers:** Melanie Hardin, Pastor & Staff, District Supt. Candace Lewis, Bishop Ken Carter, Christian, Dawn & Joshua Williams, Pioneer Missions, Indonesia  
Cuba Covenant Sister Church: Iglesia Metodista de Santa Cruz del Sur, Camagüey, Cuba

### **Opportunities for Ministry**

#### **Sunday, December 9**

9:00 – 10:00 am Contemporary Worship Service – Guest Preacher: David Stump  
9:30 – 10:30 am Disciple & Joy Sunday school classes  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service + Children’s Church

#### **Monday, December 10**

7:00 am Men’s & Women’s Breakfast & Bible Study (Perkins Restaurant)

#### **Wednesday, December 12**

Noon Sounds & Silences of Christmas  
5:00 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (Annex, Music Room)  
5:30 pm Youth Christmas Caroling  
6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner: Covered dish + chicken (\$2/piece)  
7:00 pm Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal (Annex, Music Room)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

#### **Friday, December 14**

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal: Caitlin Johnson & Arthur Thompkins (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Light up Bartow Christmas Parade

#### **Saturday, December 15**

3:30 pm Wedding: Caitlin Johnson & Arthur Thompkins (Reception: Civic Center)

#### **Sunday, December 16 ~ Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 – 10:00 am Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30 – 10:30 am Disciple & Joy Sunday school classes  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service + Children’s Church  
3:30 pm Messiah Sing-along at First Baptist Church  
6:00 pm Golden Girls go see Christmas lights

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