

+ + + + + **The 11:00 AM Order of Worship** + + + + +  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**

**GATHERING THE FAMILY OF GOD**      “All the believers were gathered together in one place” Acts 2:1  
**Piano Selections**      **Sylvia Spencer**  
**Welcome & Announcements**      **Walt Hause, Lay Leader**  
**Please register attendance**  
**Joys & Concerns of the Church**

**OUR PRAISE TO GOD**      “They were praying and singing hymns to God” Acts 16:25  
  
**Prelude**      “**Canon in D**” (Pachelbel)      **Sylvia Spencer, Piano**  
**Lighting of the Altar Candles**      **Taylor Davis & Zachary Briggs, Acolyte**  
  
**Lighting of the Candle of Hope**      **Kris Chancey Family**

**\*Hymn: UMH # 196**      “**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**”  
    **First verse sung by Kris & Olivia Chancey**  
    **Congregation sings second verse**  
    **Margie Anderson, Hymn Leader**

**Invocation**

**Anthem**      “**Mary’s Song**” (insert)      **Choir**  
    **Soloists: Ken Allen, Kaitlyn Gattie**      **Director: Bonnie Allen**

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

**GOD’S WORD TO US**      “He started from scripture and told the good news about Jesus” Acts 8:35  
**Scripture:**      **Luke 1:26-33 (NIV)**

**Sermon:** “**Nurture or Nature? Tips to Becoming a Servant**”      **Pastor Armando**

**\*Hymn: UMH # 198**      “**My Soul Gives Glory to My God**”

**GOD’S TABLE OPEN TO US**      “They came together, eating with glad and humble hearts.” Acts 2:46

**Service of Word & Table II**      (p. 12-14)

**Invitation**

**Confession and Pardon**

**Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Music**      “**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**”

**\*Doxology**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn: UMH # 204**      “**Emmanuel, Emmanuel**” (twice)

**Sharing the Bread & Wine**

**Communion Music**

**SENDING FORTH THE FAMILY OF GOD**      “And now I commend you to the care of God” Acts 20:32

**\*Hymn: UMH # 203**      “**Hail to the Lord’s Anointed**”

**\*Benediction**

**Pastor Rodriguez**

**\*Postlude**      “**Let There Be Peace on Earth**”

**Sylvia Spencer**

+ + + + + **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: \$50.00**

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

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

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

**Not at home:** Ed Etheredge (BRMC), Ann O’Berry (LRMC), Allye Martin

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

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

**Needing prayers:** 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 2 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship Service + Communion  
9:30 am Disciple & Joy Adult Sunday school classes  
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service + Communion + Children’s Church  
2:30 pm Christmas Music Gala (Polk State College Fine Arts Theater, WH, \$7)

#### **Monday, December 3**

Pastor & Icel travel to Israel & Holy Land through 12/12/18

7:00 am Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study (Perkins Restaurant)  
6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study (870 Lila St, soup provided,  
bring salad, dessert or hordourves)

#### **Wednesday, December 5**

9:30, 10, 10:30 am First Methodist School Chapel Services (Fellowship Hall)  
Noon Sounds & Silences of Christmas  
5:00 pm Hand Bells Rehearsal (Annex, Music Room)  
5:30 pm Youth Fellowship  
6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner: Sonny’s pulled chicken, BBQ beans, slaw  
7:00 pm Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal (Annex, Music Room)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Library)

#### **Friday, December 7**

6:00 pm First Methodist School K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Christmas Program (FH)

#### **Sunday, December 9 ~ Second Sunday of Advent**

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: Guest Preacher David Stump

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