

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube
5:00 pm Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Evening Activities

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

9:00 am Youth Meet to Depart for Pigeon Forge

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service - Live on Radio & YouTube

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are here and pray that God will use this service of worship in a powerful way in your life. We would love to share information with you about our church. Please fill out a card from the pew rack & place it in the offering plate or give it to our pastor.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

This Afternoon * 5:00 pm
Join us for this beautiful worship service.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

Don't forget to check the post office boxes located in the back foyer for your Christmas cards. Thank you for your donations to our youth ministry.

STRENGTH TO STAND

Winter Youth Retreat – December 28 - 30

Please pray for our youth and adults as they travel to Pigeon Forge for the Strength to Stand Conference – Abby Jo Fortner, Brandy Fortner, Corey Fortner, Nick Fortner, Brayden Orias, Bryson Orias, Andrew Shull and Dawson Wease.

OVER AND ABOVE – SOUTH WING HEATING AND AIR

Needed: \$63,218.00 Received to Date: \$22,383.81

Our deacons are recommending to the church that we act on a bid received from Waldrop Mechanical Services for a 15 ton gas packaged roof top unit to heat and cool the south wing of the church. (This will replace the air handler unit we have used since 1962 – it is presently leaking - and make the south wing independent of the two pipe chilled and heated water system.)

UPWARD SOCCER – COACHES NEEDED!

We look forward to providing this ministry for Woodruff community children and families this spring. Registration is open on our church website (\$70 per player.) Each player will receive a reversible jersey with a pair of socks, practice cards, a soccer ball, a poster for award stars and an end of season metal. We will have 3 Divisions: K4-K5; 1st & 2nd Grades; and 3rd – 5th grades.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

If you know of a college student, young adult or seasoned adult that is a follower of Christ who loves young people, please share this opportunity with them.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

The Sermon on the Mount: Blessings of the Kingdom
Sunday Nights in January * 6:00 pm

It's not a sermon. It's THE sermon. For as long as the Bible has been studied, Matthew 5-7 has been a critical passage of Scripture for followers of Jesus. Growing disciples have turned to it for centuries so they could learn more about how to grow spiritually as His disciples. The passage has come to be called the Sermon on the Mount, and it is appreciated as a most remarkable message because of the profound depth as well as the simplicity of the life changing instruction. Let's learn together what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Monday, January 8 * 11:00 am

We plan to begin Encountering God by Kelly Minter. Join us as we learn about habits of faith through spiritual disciplines that will help us walk closer with Jesus. See Lisa to order your book asap.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Greeters: S Smith, S Vincent Outside Ushers: Scott G, Levi G, Cory F
Nursery: T & T Sumner Children's Worship: Lindsey T & Bryson O

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We Gather for Worship

**The Lord's Day
December 24, 2023
Ten O'Clock**

Broadcast Live on YouTube & Woodruff Radio 101.7 FM 1510 AM

**God has given us eternal life, and this life
is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God
does not have life. 1 John 5:11-12**

Prelude

Welcome Lisa Abercrombie

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Carol 89 - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Wise Man

Candle Lighter – Mikey Pritchard

Prayer Andrew Shull

Carol 93 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Carol 96 *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 42:2-3; Matthew 11:28-30

Worship in Song Sanctuary Choir
Love Came Gently

Responsive Reading, Music Meditation, and Pastoral Prayer

We needed life.

God gave us His Son.

We needed grace.

God gave us His Son.

We needed mercy.

God gave us His Son.

We needed forgiveness.

God gave us His Son.

We needed hope.

God gave us His Son.

We needed joy.

God gave us His Son.

We needed love.

God gave us His Son.

We needed peace.

God gave us His Son.

We needed salvation.

**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only
Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but
have eternal life. God gave us His Son.**

Missions Moment *A Thank You Letter*

Carol 113 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

Stewardship Prayer John Carroll

Offertory and the Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Carol 87 v. 1 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Hymn 253 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Children's Moment and Children's Worship

(After the Stewardship Prayer, children are invited to join our pastor at the front - and after the Children's Moment, they are invited to go with our children's worship leaders to Children's Worship.)

Children's Moment

Message Andrew Shull

GIVING AND RECEIVING
Matthew 2:1-12

God is at work in _____ ways.

Those who _____ Him find Him.

The more we know God
the _____ our desire to worship Him.

Life without God is a _____ struggle.

His Word is _____.

Jesus can fill your heart with _____.

We give because He gave. Open your _____.

We desperately need a _____.

Time of Commitment (Carol 86) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Benediction

Postlude



*C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
John C. Carroll, Minister of Music
Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator
Susan R. Cooper, Pianist
Bobbie Cox, Secretary
Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager*