

Church Staff

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Serving Today

Crucifier Reggie Gay
 Acolyte Jack Chamblee

Ushers Donnie Brock & Wes Welborn, Jr. Co-Chair

Group 4
 1. Chris Harpe 2. Barbara Garrison 3. Evelyn Farr 5. Ken
 Rainard 6. Monty Mitchell 7. Lisa Welborn 8. Sterling
 Allen, John Farr, Joel Hogg, Vacant 9. Mark Blakey, Andy
 Farmer, Reggie Gay, Vaughn Parfitt

Records Report November 25, 2018

Sunday School: 83 Worship: 158
 Visitors: 14 Kid City: Kids 4, Leaders: 4
Monthly Budget Needs: \$68,424.00
Received Last Week
 Operating Budget: \$6,732.00
 Renovations: \$40.00 Good Samaritan: \$50.00
 Other: \$320.00
Year to Date for Operating Budget: \$555,703.55

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday: 9:00a - 12:00p - 12:00p - 5:00p - Friday 9:00a - 12:00p

Parish Calendar

Family Promise Week

Tuesday, December 4
 10:00 a.m. Staff Mtg., Osteen Building

Wednesday, December 5
 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Meeting Pl.
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet is open
 for donations until noon

10:00 a.m. Circle 6, Mary O. Holler Class
3:00 p.m. Bulletin information is due
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir (1st-5th), Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner & Study, Rm. 408
 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for the Christmas
 Concert, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 9
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Parlor
 10:30 a.m. Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Flowers for the Sanctuary

We realize it can be costly to have flowers consistently in our sanctuary and we would like to make some suggestions to help keep the cost lower and yet still have flowers weekly. A member of our congregation has donated smaller vases that can be used with fewer flowers than the large arrangements.

Using seasonal greenery, berries, etc. in place of flowers are quite lovely. One arrangement on the Altar table looks very nice. You can partner with another family to cover the cost and dedicate it to more than one person if you would like. Please call the church office to reserve a date to put an arrangement on the Chancel for the 2019 calendar year.



St. John's
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 A National Historic Landmark

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

SENT >>>
 Delivering the Gift of Christmas

Jesus Reconciles
 Luke 2:8-10

~ *We Gather To Worship God* ~

“Wachet Auf”

J. S. Bach

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Ryan Pendergraph
Pat Smith

Ministry Moment “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
Call to Worship “Light One Candle”

Arr. Paul Manz
Natalie Sleeth

St. John’s Children’s Choir

* **Hymn No. 213** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO
Chamblee Family

Lighting of the Advent Candle
All: Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

~ *We Listen For God’s Word* ~

Anthem

Arr. Joel Raney

St. John’s Children’s Choir

New Testament Lesson (pew Bible, New Testament page 58)
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:8-10
Cauldin Bays

Sermon “Sent: Jesus Reconciles”

Ryan Pendergraph

~ *We Respond To God’s Love* ~

Invitation to Holy Communion
Offertory “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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Arr. Wilbur Held

* **Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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After you receive the elements, please feel free to continue prayer at the railing for as long as you wish.

* **Hymn No. 211** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

~ *We Are Sent Into The World* ~

* **Benediction**

followed by Choral Response

* **Postlude** “Isaiah, Mighty Seer Foretold”

Johann Pachelbel

*The congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel greenery in the sanctuary this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Campbell by Margaret Herndon & Susan Campbell.

The Father Sent the Son:

An afternoon of classical sacred
and Christmas music
by Richard Joseph Barber

Sunday, December 2 at 3pm

Classes, Events, and Announcements

Epworth Children’s Angel Tree

The sign-up sheet with all the information is beside the angel tree. The angel tree is located by the outside of the parlor. All gifts must be unwrapped. The gifts need to be placed in a bag with the angel attached. December 2nd is the due date for all gifts. If all Angels are taken, Epworth is in need of cash donations to buy Christmas gifts for children who arrive last minute. It is also used for trips and activities during the year. If you would like to get an Angel and are unable to do so, contact Toni Eunice via phone (864-221-5579). She will coordinate getting the gift for you! Thank you for thinking of the children of Epworth during the Christmas season.

Please Prayerfully Remember

Butch Dutton, Sabra Allen, Ivan Armstrong, Raymond Collier, Sharron Dutton, Elsie Charlesworth, Peggy Carlton, Jim Hammond, Moyer Albertotti, Jim Chisman, Reimon Carlee, Mary Ouellette, Leila Barr Stuckey, Robert McAuley, Helen West, Hugh McClinton, Deborah Greene, Jim Pinson, George Holzclaw.

Our military: Al Roberts, David Ducharme, Stephen Knight, William Baum, J. Evan Inglett, David Neely, Herb Franklin, Jr., Justin Dutton, Capt. Andrew Fant, Capt. Logan Moran, Capt. Rebecca Moran (Logan’s wife), Capt. Steven Brown, 1st Lt. Harry Yon and others in the military.

FAN SPOTLIGHT:

During this busy holiday season, be kind to yourself. Care for your mind, body, and spirit so that you can share Christ’s message. As Albert Schweitzer said, “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lit the flame within us.” Care for yourself so that you can be that spark for someone who needs it.

Join the Flock

This is the fourth year for the Hats and Scarves Project. The Flock consists of the Black Sheep, St. John’s Yarn Circle, Central Presbyterian’s Busy Hands, Prayer Shawl groups, and Fifth Thursday. We have about 90 handmade hats, scarves, mittens, and gaiters to distribute this year. About half of our hats and scarves go to the statues, and the other half we donate to organizations such as St. John’s Coat Closet and A.I.M. Please JOIN THE FLOCK, Friday, December 7 at 5:00 at Mr. Whiner’s statue to put out the hats and scarves. Rain date is Sunday, December 9 at 2:00. Come, join us as we don the statues in gay apparel. Our purpose is to raise awareness of those less fortunate and to spread a little cheer during the holidays. Contact Facebook @AgnesBlackSheep for more info.

Happy Group Travels Reminder

Friday, December 7, 2018 “Christmas Bells are Sounding” at 7:30 p.m. **Boston Brass and Brass All Star Big Band** at the **Brooks Center, Clemson.** Dinner at Tucker’s restaurant at 5:00 p.m. If you made reservations to travel in the church bus to Clemson, please do not park your car directly in front of the restaurant. Please call Ben or Marlon Hursey 864 261-6642 or 864 221-3369 if you need to cancel.

Circle News

Nurse Notes:
The Faith Community Nurses are collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for South Main Mercy Center. Please drop off all sizes in the box in the narthex or at the hospitality desk.
-Sarah and Pam

Circle #4 will meet at the Bleckley on Tuesday, December 11th at 9-15 a.m. All are welcome to join us!

Mary O. Holler Bible Class Christmas luncheon is Wednesday, December 12th at 11:30 a.m. at Tuckers.
Joanna Circle Christmas luncheon is Thursday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ravines Clubhouse.