

Announcements

Dec 13 (Sun) Worship Service 10:30 am
Rev. Alta Whitt – Guest Speaker

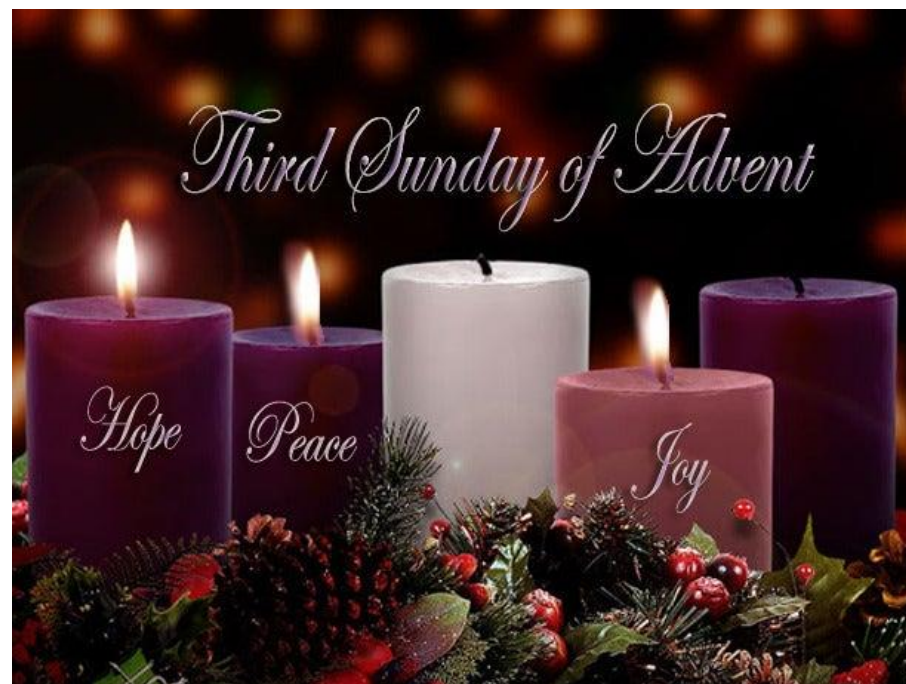
Called Church Conference in Sanctuary 2:00 pm
Vote to Call Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Dec 24-25 Church Office Closed

Dec 28 (Mon) Last tithes deposit for the year

SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020



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The Worship of God – December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent – Celebration and Joy

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude Clay Whittington
What Child Is This? with Gymnopédie No. 1 by Tom Fettke

Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsJerry Crisp

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship Hymn 82
Emmanuel by Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Prayer of Adoration and InvocationJerry Crisp

Hymn of Advent.....Hymn 80
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence from the Liturgy of St. James

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.
2. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

3. At His feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Lord Most High.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Lighting of the Advent CandleJerry Crisp

Prayer of Intercession Jerry Crisp

(Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)



Theme Jesus came to bring us joy. He will come again and take us to a place of everlasting joy.

Object A calendar showing the number of days left until Christmas.

Scripture *And the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.* Isaiah 35:10 (NIV)

Just look at the calendar! There is just a little over a week to go until Christmas. Do you have all of your Christmas shopping done? I hope so, because the stores are really beginning to get crowded.

A few days ago, I had a few last-minute things that I needed to buy to finish up my Christmas shopping, so I got in my car and headed for the mall. That was a big mistake! The parking lot was packed and I drove around for what seemed like an hour looking for a place to park. I was beginning to get a little bit steamed when I finally found a place to park. I went inside and the people were elbow to elbow. Why did I ever decide to come here so near to Christmas?

After pushing and shoving my way through the crowd, I finally found the items I needed and headed to the checkout line. You guessed it! The checkout line was a mile long! If there is one thing that I hate more than just about anything, it is waiting! I thought about leaving, but I really needed these items, so I stood there in line--fussing and fuming and griping about how slowly the line was moving. "Look at those people in line ahead of me," I thought, "why can't they make their children behave? Can't they see that they are disturbing those of us who want to wait in grumpy silence?"

As I stood there in line, I began to think, "What could I do while I am waiting besides standing here in a bad mood?" I thought, "Well I could visit with the people around me. Maybe we could share our plans for the holidays. That would take my mind off of having to wait. And you know, those kids up there in front of me are actually kind of cute. They are just having fun while they wait. I could enjoy watching them play and listening to the sound of their laughter."

Suddenly, I heard a sound that I had not even noticed a few minutes earlier. I heard the sound of music coming over the store's speaker system. "Joy to the World, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!" Suddenly, I felt ashamed of the way I had been acting. This is the Christmas season. This is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Jesus came to earth so that we might have a life filled with joy--and here I was acting like an old Scrooge.

Sometimes I will hear someone say, "I can't wait until Christmas!" Well, the truth is, we can wait. In fact, we must wait. The question is, how will we wait? Will we wait in grumpy silence, or will we decide to experience all the joy of the season in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus--the source of all true joy?

Today we light the third candle on the Advent Wreath. The candle of Joy. Jesus came to bring us joy. He will come again to take us to a place of everlasting joy.

Father, as we wait for the day when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, and as we wait for the day when he will come again, fill our hearts with the joy that only you can bring. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon is from www.sermons4kids.com)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING

Hymn of Birth..... Hymn 94
Angels, from the Realms of Glory by James Montgomery

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen the Infant's star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!
4. Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!



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Special Music Clay Whittington
Un Flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle a 17th Century Provençal Carol

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



What's in Your Hand Moses

By Rev. Alta Whitt

Exodus 4:2-5

BenedictionJerry Crisp

Postlude Clay Whittington

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates by Psalmodia Evangelica



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WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn of CommitmentHymn 502

Open My Eyes, That I May See by Clara H. Scott

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free;
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'rything false will disappear:
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children, thus to share:
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!