

## Announcements

Sun. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Worship Service <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Are You Ready for Christmas? Luke 2:1-20</i> Choir Practice	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  2:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Worship Service <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Choir presents Lessons and Carols</i> <b>Please pick your poinsettia up after church</b>	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.   
Mon. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Long Range Planning Committee	11:00 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Church Office Closed for Christmas</b>	

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# PILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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*The Worship of God – December 12, 2021*  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT –  
Celebration and Joy**

**COMMUNION WITH GOD**

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude .....Michael Cowan and Sarah Reese  
Hymns of Christmas Time

Welcome, Announcements, and Concerns .....Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

**WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER**

Call to Worship.....Hymn 102  
*The Birthday of a King* by William Harold Neidlinger

1. In the little village of Bethlehem,  
There lay a Child one day,  
And the sky was bright with a holy light  
O'er the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain:*

Alleluia! O how the angels sang.  
Alleluia! How it rang!  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'Twas the birthday of a King.

2. 'Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much  
God gave to us that day,  
From the manger bed what a path has led,  
What a perfect, holy way.

*Refrain*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation ..... Jerry Crisp

Hymn of Advent..... Hymn 103  
*Away in a Manger* by John Thomas McFarland

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Dr. Dew

Hymn of His 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:

*Refrain:*

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:

*Refrain*

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations,  
Ye have seen the Infant's star:

*Refrain*

4. Saints, before the altar bending,  
 Watching long in hope and fear,  
 Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
 In His temple shall appear:  
*Refrain*

Children's Lesson..... *Joy to the World*



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.

**ADVENT**

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](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

Scripture Reading..... Luke 2:1-20

Prayer of Intercession ..... Dr. Dew

**WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING**



**An offering plate is placed in the vestibule for your tithes and offerings. You may also use the enclosed envelope in your weekly packet to mail your tithes and offerings to the church.**

Special Music .....Chancel Choir  
*Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* by Adger M. Pace and R. Fisher Boyce

Instrumental Music .....Michael Cowan  
*Away in a Manger* by Michael Cowan



**“Are You Ready for Christmas?”**

***Luke 2:1-20***

**By**

**Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.**

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE**

Hymn of His Birth..... Hymn 93  
*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* by Edmund H. Sears

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,"  
From heav'n's all gracious King.  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.
  
2. Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long,  
Beneath the angel strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!

3. All ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hast'ning on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

Benediction .....Dr. Dew

Postlude .....Michael Cowan and Sarah Reese  
Hymn of Christmas

