

11:00 am Worship
December 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements Jerry Cunningham

Prelude Elizabeth Ames, Kelley Hill

Invocation Bob Taunton

Call to Worship Christmas Gloria Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** Joy to the World UMH #246 (1,2,3,4)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (see special insert)

Affirmation of Faith: *The Nicene Creed Bob Taunton

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*means universal

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful UMH #234 (1,2,3,4)

Pastoral Prayer Jeannine Parker

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Devotion Chancel Choir, Elizabeth Ames - cello

Offering Prayer Bob Reed

Offertory Music O Holy Night Abbey Bird, Danielle Bird, Lydia Bird, Anna Griggs

***Prayer of Praise**

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

Message "Three Christmas Gifts" George Mathison
Matthew 2:11

***Hymn** Once in Royal David's City UMH #250 (1,4)

***Benediction**

***Postlude** Chandler Ogles

*please stand as you are able

The altar flowers this morning are given by Henry & Beverly Andrews, in memory of his brother, John H. Andrews, a Methodist Minister in the NW Conference.

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Name(s):

Email (optional):

Prayer Requests

Mission House

Check if interested in volunteering

We have some special needs requests right now. So perhaps after the Christmas rush, if you find yourselves cleaning or sorting, if you have any of the items below, bring them in or let us know if you have the bigger items:

Men's Blue Jeans: Waist 30, L 29, 32, 34
Waist 32 L 30, 32, 34, Waist 34 L 32, 34, 36
Men's long sleeve casual shirts - S/M/L
Washer and Dryer, Full size refrigerator.

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Announcements

Sunday, December 18

8:50 am - Encounter - Contemporary worship
10:00 am - Sunday school
11:00 am - Traditional worship
No Scheduled activities

Monday, December 19

1:00 - 2:30 pm - Crafty Christians, *fellowship hall*

Wednesday, December 20

No Scheduled activities

Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Welcome Dr. George Matheson!

Dr. Mathison served as Senior Minister of the Auburn United Methodist Church for 26 years. He is the author of seven books. In 2005, he was selected by the Auburn Civitan Club in 2005 as Auburn's Citizen of the Year. Dr. Mathison served as Team Chaplain for the Auburn University Football Team for six years. Dr. Mathison and his wife Montaigne have been married since 1970. They have one daughter, Mallory, a graduate of The University of Alabama. Don't ask him to play tennis unless you are prepared to get beat

Learning Tree Christmas - If you sponsored a child, gifts are due today.

White Christmas - Donations are due today. Please make checks payable to "FUMC" with "White Christmas" in the memo line, or donate online at embracealkids.org

Christmas Eve service is at 5 PM this Saturday. We'll have carol singing, and end with communion and candlelighting.

Christmas morning worship @ 10 AM in the sanctuary. Kids come in their pjs and bring their favorite Christmas present.

New Year's morning, we'll have our **Covenant Renewal Service at 10 AM** in the sanctuary.

Giving at the end of the year can be an opportunity to tithe from a work bonus, catch up on giving for the year, bless others, and benefit from tax deductions.

