

Offertory Prayer

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The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\*Doxology

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

\*Carol of Faith

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

UMH 240

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregation's Celebrations and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer and our *Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, power, and glory forever. Amen.*

Choral Prayer Response

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Chancel Choir

***To Hear the Good News***

Children's Minute

Anthem

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Chancel Choir

\*Prayer for Illumination

**O come Emmanuel; God with us. Ransom our captive hearts, and show us the way home. Help us, gracious God, to journey with you. Amen.**

\*The Written Word

Luke 2:8-20

The Spoken Word

*Finding a Home*

Dr. Kevin Payne

***To Respond in Faith***

\*Carol of Dedication

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

*Away in a Manger*

Chancel Choir

\*Postlude

*Please note that an \* invites you to stand as you are able.\*\*The term "catholic" as found in the Apostles' Creed is Latin meaning "universal." We affirm the Body of Christ regardless of denomination. **Following Children's Moment, children ages 3yrs. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may exit with Shannon & Jean Tolbert (8:30a) and Chad Latta (11:00a) to Children's church. Nursery for children, birth to 2 yrs. is provided in Kerr Building.***

### **Welcome to PFUMC!!**

If you are a visitor with us this morning it is our hope that you feel welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus Christ! If you have questions about an act of worship, or about ministries and programs of the congregation, or what we believe, please just ask! Please let Pastor Kevin know if you would like to know more about making a profession of faith and/or uniting in mission and ministry with this congregation. You are welcome here!

### **Prayer List**

Eric Pentecost – Miles Allen - Johnny Weeks – Leslie Morrison – John Strickland – Joyce Stewart- Jake Johnson - Cynthia Ray - Justin Cambron - Becky Davis- Herb Davis - Jackson Jester - Kayla Winkles Rampy-Benjamin Pfladderer - Judy Arnett - Fayrene Mobley-Jerry Thacker - Millard & Ann Young - Frances Conn - George Mallows-Kevin Miller - Troy Dobbs - Jewel Tarnow - Kim Snell - Doris Ray - Doyle Baer - Anna Parker *Note: Help us keep the prayer list current and up to date by calling the church office to share the names of individuals who need our prayers. We will keep each person on our list for a month.*

**Ushers:** Tim Holbrook, Robert Payne Tucker, Don Glover, Nathan Pope, Blake Morrison, Danny Stone, Jerry Mobley

### **Happy Birthday!! Our December Birthdays**

Suzanne Voss, Reece Kirkpatrick, 22, Frances Malone, 23, Brett Kirkpatrick, Bruce Adderhold, Heather K. Glover, 25, Adam Hammett, Maggie Love, 27, Charlien Mobley, 28, Cade Kirkpatrick, John Strickland, Mary Ann Morgan, 29, Gina Minton, 30, Ben Dempsey, 31, Val Kirkpatrick



### **Our Staff**

Senior Pastor: Dr. Kevin Payne

Choir Director: Terry Gladden

Children's Director: Kim Ivey

Youth Director: Kevin Ward

Accompanist: Liz Carroll

Organist: Wanda Stewart

Nursery Workers: Elizabeth Jester and Anna Voss

Church Administrator: Diane Marshall

Finance Secretary: Jamie Tidmore

Caretaker: Joey Spivey, Tim Holbrook

## Announcements and Opportunities

- Sunday, December 22, Dugger Mountain Assisted Living, Kazoo Band playing, 3:00 P.M. (Extra Kazoos are available)
- Sunday, December 22, Ugly Christmas Sweater Fellowship in the TAC, 5:00 P.M.; All ages!! Please bring Christmas Cookies!
- Tuesday, December 24, Holy Communion, 2:30-4:00 P.M., in the Sanctuary; Christmas Eve Worship Celebration of Holy Communion and Candlelight, 5:00 P.M., in the Sanctuary
- Tuesday, December 24, a special offering will be taken for the United Methodist Children's Home at the Worship Celebration of Holy Communion and Candlelight Service, 5:00 P.M.
- Sunday, December 29, A Service of Lessons and Carols, 10:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary (Combined Service)
- Men's Prayer Group will reconvene Tuesday, January 7, 2020.
- The Methodist Men Breakfast/Meeting will not meet during month of December. The next MM Breakfast/Meeting will convene Saturday, January 11, 2020, 7:00 A.M. See you there!
- Hinton Center, Hayesville, NC, Summer Mission Date: May 24 – 29, 2020. Our 2020 Mission Outreach theme is "Treasured" –based on 2 Cor. 4: 6-9 "But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us." Johnny Weeks will give additional information at a later date.
- All Poinsettias left at church after Sunday, January 5, 2020 will be contributed to the Piedmont Nursing Home and Dugger Mountain Assisted Living. Please note Poinsettias are also in the TAC.

## Worship Attendance

8:30 Worship Celebration: 66 11:00 Worship Celebration: 118 Online: 68 Youth: 16  
Sunday School: 53 Wonderful Wednesday: 30 Offering Last Sunday: \$11,072.70



### **Stay Informed! Connect with PFUMC:**

- Follow us on Facebook – search "Piedmont First United Methodist Church"
- Find us on the web: [www.piedmontfumc.com](http://www.piedmontfumc.com)
- Phone: 256/ 447-7421 - Email: [piedmont1stmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:piedmont1stmethodist@gmail.com)

Our Physical address is: 300 N. Main Street, Piedmont, AL 36272. Office hours: M-TH 8:30 -12:30



# **Piedmont First United Methodist Church**

*Loving God – Loving Others – Loving All*

## *The Celebration of Worship for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22, 2019*

### *Preparing our Hearts*

Prelude

Welcome, Parish Notices, and Greeting

Call to Worship

*Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

Chancel Choir

### *To Praise God and Affirm Our Faith*

\*Carol of Praise

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 228

\*The Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*

UMH 880

*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, the 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 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.*

\*Gloria Fideles: *O Come, All Ye Faithful, stanza 2*

*True God of True God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; O come let us adore him! O come let us adore him! O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*