

***Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” # 41**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always walk in your light. We hurt and destroy each other; we neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil go unchecked among us, and we fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us; deliver us; prepare the way for us, so that we may be ready, to enter into your presence in a new way, during this Christmas season. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: “Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.” # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

***Response “Gloria Patri” # 579**

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon:

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory” # 22**

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

***Doxology # 592**

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” # 309**

*Charge and Benediction

***Benediction Response: “Go Tell It on the Mountain” # 29 (refrain)**

Welcome Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest register located on the book stand to the right before you enter the sanctuary. If you would like to join this congregation, please speak with Pastor Yvonne Thurmond after the service.

Ministry with the Children

Today – Heather Kramer (sermon), Rita Whisnant (downstairs)
Next Sunday (December 15th) – Kathy Staton (sermon), Christine Rose (downstairs)

Calendar of Events

Monday, December 09th – Circle #1, Ruth Preston’s home @ 10:00

Thursday, December 12th – Bible study, pastor’s home @ 12:30

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 19th – Bible study, pastor’s home @ 12:30

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service @ **5:00**

Monday, December 30th – Circle # 2, fellowship hall @ 6:00

Yvonne M. Thurmond, Pastor – 828-544-5076 (home)
Mary Lou Furr, Pianist and Choir Director
Rachel Marler, Organist

The Session:

Class of 2019

Lelia Bruder
Kathy Staton

Class of 2020

Judy Galey
Anita Woods

Class of 2021

Ann Dietz
Grace Glen
Ruth Pershing

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In Ministry Together for the Glory of God

Order of Worship

December 08, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Introit: “Joy to the World” verses 1 & 2 # 40

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candle – Preparation

Reader: On this Second Sunday in Advent, our journey continues as we get ready to meet the promised Lord. Read with me the words from the prophet Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1-4:

All: “See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?”

Reader: Through the prophets, God still calls us to prepare for his coming – both during this Christmas season and at the end of time. As we wait for the coming of the Day of the Lord, let us turn from the ways of sin and death so that we may be ready to meet him. We light the Candle of Hope and the Candle of Preparation.