

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

10:00 AM

Prelude David Matthews

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; he instructs us sinners in the way.

People: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Leader: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

People: Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

*Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" 196

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony WPUMW
Jo Babcock & Pat McDowell

Grant us grace this advent season that we may draw near to you, O God. Help us prepare our hearts for your Holy Son, sent into the world as a light to all the people. May our faith inspire us to hope in You, O Prince of Peace. Save us from our darkness and doubt. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Children's Moment Pastor David

Offertory David Matthews

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology 95

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vss. 1,2) 211

Pastoral Prayer

Choir Anthem "Prepare the Way" (L. Larsen)

Scripture Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 1439

Sermon "Of Hope" Pastor David

Holy Communion 15

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (vss. 1,2) 206

*Benediction

Postlude David Matthews

*Please stand as you are able

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***Altar Flowers** – The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my mother, Helen Coast, from Chuck Coast.

***Welcome** – We welcome all who have come to worship today. If you are new here, we would love to support your spiritual journey. We also need your help in ministry! If you are committed to this group of Christ's people, consider making the pledge of membership. *Hearing Assistance Devices* are available. Please ask an usher for help.

***Circle of Prayer** – *Church:* Marcia Watt, Bill Russell, Marilyn Tripp, Selma Marlowe, Aida Weldon, Helen Coast and Marianne Myatt. *Neighbors Near and Far:* E. F. Swartzel, Nancy Britton, Heather Watts, Carrie D., Linda Saucier, David Lane, Winnifred Corbett, John Phillips, Avram Kent, Helen MacWhinney, Michael Kesti, Devan Whitaker, and Gracie Stalvey.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness." Jeremiah 13:14-16

		<u>THIS WEEK</u>
SUN. (12/2)		Holy Communion
MON. (12/3)	9:30 am	Food and Clothes Distribution
	6:00 pm	Wesleyan Guild at Cracker Barrel on US 19 in New Port Richey
WED. (12/5)	10:30 am	Bible Study in Conf. Room
	5:00 pm	Love Feast in Henderson Hall
	5:00 pm	Young Voices
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
FRI. (12/7)		OFFICE CLOSED
SAT. (12/8)	12:00 Noon	WPUMW Annual Christmas Potluck Salad and Side Luncheon & Cookie Sale in Henderson Hall
	3:00 pm	UMM Parking Cars for Christmas Parade
SUN. (12/9)	8:45 am	Adult Sunday School in Conf. Room
	9:00 am	Soul Café
	10:00 am	Worship Service (kids' church & nursery)
	11:30 am	Green Team in Conf. Room

***ADVENT SERIES** – During Advent and Christmas Eve our focus in worship will be these 5 gifts of God: *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Light*. Do your Advent disciplines and be mindful of these 5 gifts as you pray.

***CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER** – It will be on Sunday, December 16, in Henderson Hall at 5:00 pm. Turkey, Dressing, and Drinks will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. Please bring your own table service. We'll sing Christmas Carols and share stories of Christmas past. For more information, call Carolyn Arnold (727-808-3162).

***CHRISTMAS ANGELS** – Thank you to all who took the name of a boy or girl from our “Angel Tree.” Gifts need to be returned to the church by December 16 unwrapped in a gift bag. You can leave the bag in the nursery along with the child's name. Jean Ann Lewis will be delivering the gifts to Richey School on December 19.

***DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 15, Breakfast with Santa from 9:00-11:00 am in Henderson Hall.

December 16, Deadline to Order Poinsettias.

***BREAKFAST WITH SANTA MEETING AFTER CHURCH TODAY.**

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Pastor—David Carefoot

Liturgist—Rick Vaughn

Music Director, Ruthie Nelson; Accompanist, David Matthews

Nursery—Joan Klingensmith

Greeters—Betty Bushong and Gloria Peters

Ushers—Gloria Peters, Carolyn Arnold, Annette Cardente and Rosemary Pignataro

Sound Board—George Kranz and Rob Marlowe

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