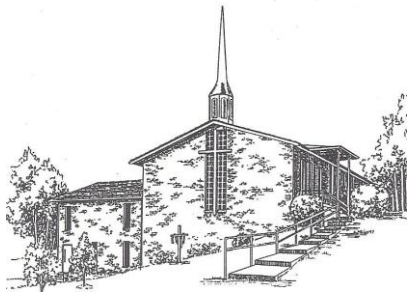




First Sunday of advent
Hanging of the Green
Lighting of The Candle of Hope





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Worship at Pegram

10:30 a.m. December 3rd, 2023

Hanging Of the Greens

Adapted from Deck the Halls by Gail Gaymer Martin

PRELUDE

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

Worship Director

***PASSING THE PEACE IN CHRIST'S NAME**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God* UMH 95

THE BELLS RINGING

Linda Hardin

Call to Worship

L: We come together to prepare for the birthday of a king.

P: We make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus of Nazareth.

L: We begin this special and holy season of Advent, the season of going toward the birth of Christ.

P: As we renew the special meaning of the Advent season of going toward new hope and eternal life,

L: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of our King.

P: Let us also honor His birthday by adorning our church for the coming of our King.

L: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of His love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

All: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

UNISON PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, in the weeks to come, our attention to this blessed and holy event, the birth of your Son, will be continually distracted. Help us to distinguish between the secular and the sacred, and to remember the true meaning of our joy and excitement. Help us to refocus our minds and hearts on your loving and most precious gift to us, your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER/

HYMN: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus UMH 196

EVERGREENS

Scripture: Psalm 92:12-15 Gary Merritts

ORIGIN OF THE EVERGREENS Rick Newton

Responsive Reading I Peter 1:23-25

L: For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

P: For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

L: The grass withers and the flowers fall

P: But the word of the Lord stands forever

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT SIGNIFICANCE Pastor Settle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE OF HOPE Rogers Family

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath

POINSETTIAS

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-2 Pastor Settle.

ORIGIN OF THE POINSETTIA Angela Dixon

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 35:1-2

P: The wilderness will rejoice and blossom

L: Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom

P: It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy

THE CHRISTMAS TREE/CHRISMON TREE

Scripture:

Galatians 3:13: Isaiah 53:5

Sean Mevis

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Karen Mevis

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISMON TREE

Jamie Merritts

(Congregation invited to put Chrismon ornaments on the tree)

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

Scripture:

Matthew 2:1-2

Shelia Harris

ORIGIN OF THE STAR

Rick Stults

Congregational Response:

Loving, almighty Father, like the Magi, we follow the Christmas star waiting to worship the newborn King. As we decorated our Christmas tree, may you decorate our hearts and light our spirit, as we prepare for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

HYMN:

Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

1. O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shining afar through shadows dim Giving the light for those who long have gone Guiding the wise men on their way Unto the place where Jesus lay O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine on	CHORUS O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine upon earth until the glory dawns Give us a lamp to light the way Unto the land of perfect day O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine on
2. O beautiful star the hope of life Guiding the pilgrims through the night Over the mountains 'til the break of dawn Into the land of perfect day It will give out a lovely ray O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine on	CHORUS O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine upon earth until the glory dawns Give us a lamp to light the way Unto the land of perfect day O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine on
3. O beautiful star the hope of rest For the redeemed, the good and the blessed Yonder in glory when the crown is won Jesus is now the star divine Brighter and brighter He will shine	CHORUS O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine upon earth until the glory dawns Give us a lamp to light the way Unto the land of perfect day

O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine on	O beautiful star of Bethlehem Shine on
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The Nativity

Scripture

Luke 2:15-16

Max Morris

ORIGIN OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

Buddy Hardison

Responsive Reading: Micah 5:2-5

L: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler of Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

P: Therefore, Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth

L: He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God

P: And he will be their peace

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Responsive Reading:

L: The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber.

P: Because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed

L: The night is nearly over; the day is almost here

P: So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

INVITATION

***HYMN OF INVITATION: SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS UMH 237**

We Carry The Word To The World

***GOING FORTH WITH BLESSING**

***CLOSING SONG Three Fold Amen**

UHM 898

***POSTLUDE**

***Please Stand as you are able**

Schedule for Upcoming Events

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School For Adults & Children
10:30 a.m. Worship Service In-Person – Online

MONDAY

05:30 p.m. AA meetings

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m. Senior Luncheon Fellowship Hall
06:30 p.m. PUMW Meeting at Parsonage

FRIDAY

11:30 a.m. AA meetings

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH, CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH, 6:30 p.m. , Christmas Eve Service

SERVANTS AT PEGRAM

USHERS/GREETERS: Lay Leaders, Lay Speakers, Volunteers

MINISTERS AT PEGRAM -- All Members Of The Congregation

PASTOR: Rev. Denise Settle

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Gary Merritts

PIANIST: Katherine Farnham

LAY LEADER: Richard Newton

ACOLYTES

Today: Max Morris

Next Week: Curran Rogers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Today: No Children's Church Hanging of Green

Next Week: Jamie Merritts Lead: Karen Newton



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Carolyn Merritts	Carter Perry McMahon	Jessica Clark's Family Settle	Dee Radovich Family J.Harris
Eva Hall Settle	Fritz Zimmerman Family Mevis	Grace Urrico Farnham	Wayne & Pat McDonald
Debbie & Terry Turner	Jody Brill Shaffer	Katherine Farnham	Kenneth Parker Hardison
Francis Harris Harris	Landy Campbell/Family Hardison	Jackie Winnett	Lori Sue Dunn
David Stout True	Tom Much Hardison	Dennis Hughes True	Jerry Stevenson
Brandi Edwards McMahon	Peyton Harrison Turner	Bruce Merritts Merritts	Melissa Brown Holimon
Bryshawn Jemison	Elizabeth Rainwater Rogers	Katelin Poe Rogers	Paul Kaufman
Pat Geasley True	Tillie Pomeroy True	Trisha Rogers Rogers	Lori Rector True
Maggie Sanford Taylor	Deana Rhode Shaffer	Kennedy Proctor True	Tom Faber Holimon
Wade Reed Stults/Holimon	Dorothy Kattalia Harris	Dick Lowey Kafuman	John & Lowavia Hoback
Thomas Conley True	Robin Cox Mevis	Sean & Karen Mevis	Michael Tarquino Holimon
Kathy Gilliam Hardin	Olan Beard Linda Hardin	Stacey, Jason & Janet Given	Dick Stults Rick & Suzi Stults
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