



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Mon	Dec 16	6:00 PM Gerry's Quilt Class-CH.
Tue	Dec 17	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew & Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- CH,5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR.
Wed	Dec 18	9 AM Church Work Morning-CH,
Thu	Dec 19	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga-CH, 4:00 PM Children's Center Board-MMR, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal HR, 6:00 PM Chancel Choir-Sanctuary.
Fri	Dec 20	10:30 AM UWF Book Club-Library
Sun	Dec 22	8:30 AM Contemporary Service-Sanctuary,

Abbreviation Legend
 CH--Criswell Hall
 S--Sanctuary
 K--Kitchen
 L--Library
 Room #123
 MMR--McMillen
 Room #113
 PS--Pastor's Study
 HR--Handbell
 Room #115



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December 15, 2024
 8:30 AM



The ANGEL TREE is set up in Criswell Hall! The gifts are due no later than 12/18/24 by noon. They can be brought to the tree or to the church office with prior

Monday, December 30
 People's Kitchen Food Prep-K

Tuesday, December 31
 Food Distribution at People's Kitchen Site

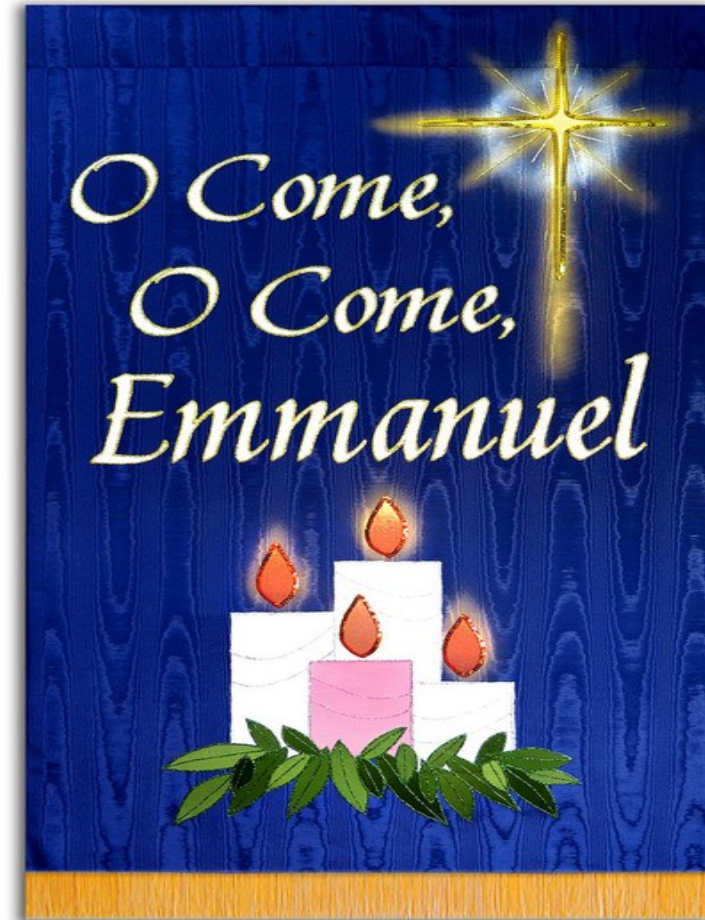
Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

7:00 PM

Join us to sing carols, hear the original Christmas story and worship by candlelight. Let us come together on this special night to celebrate the birth of the Christ

Saturday, January 25, 11 AM Fellowship Ministry visit to the elephant seals in Cambria. Depart at 10 AM to carpool from the church. Sign up in the Narthex.

For information on flower dedications and ordering altar flowers, please contact the church office.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

*" My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!"*

---Luke 1:46b-47

HANDBELL INTROIT	<i>Appalachian Christmas</i>	arr. Douglas E. Wagner
HANDBELL ANTHEM	<i>Soliloquy on "Silent Night"</i>	arr. Leonard G. Lutz
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE	The Candle of Joy	
PRAISE SONGS	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High Jesus Name Above All Names Light of the Stable</i>	
ILLUMINATION	<i>Joy to the World/Shout for Joy</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 1:39-56	
SERMON	A SONG OF THE SOUL Joy Receives	Rev. Mary Birgelaitis
OFFERING	<i>Lord You Have My Heart</i>	
COMMUNION	<i>I Surrender All</i>	
FINAL BLESSING	<i>Wind Through the Olive Trees</i>	
CLOSING	<i>When a Savior Dreams</i>	

*Praise Team Leader: Mike Clark Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Guitar: Ian Beard
Singers: Connie Clark, and Chloe Keith*

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the

sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Today's Liturgist: Mary Thronson

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
11/17	59	78	137	40	177	\$ 2,214
11/24	37	48	85	26	111	\$ 2,040
12/01	30	50	80	24	104	\$ 9,553
12/08	34	44	78	4	80	n/a
Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,321 STEWARDSHIP REPORT: n/a						

HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

TRUSTEES

**Next Sunday
December 22**

MISSION TEAM