

Traditional Order of Worship
 Second Sunday of Advent - Blue
 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 10:55
 OPENING PRAYER
 CHIMING OF THE HOUR
 PRELUDE *Emmanuel, O Come Tonight* Bailey, Mayo and Pethel
 *CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
 For God is with us, smiling upon us with love.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
 For Christ has saved us from our enemies, our sins, and our fears.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
 For God's Spirit shines upon us, giving light for our darkness.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!
 Let us worship God together.

*CAROL OF PRAISE *Hark! the Herald Angles Sing* 240
 ADVENT REVOLUTION ANNOUNCEMENT Jerilyn Falconer
 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Johns Family
 PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
 CHILDREN'S MOMENT
 *CAROL OF PREPARATION *Away in a Manger* 217

Children are dismissed for children's church, which is located in the
 Children's Building (Ages 4 through 1st grade only).

OFFERTORY *Gesu Bambino* P. Yon
 *DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 95
 ANTHEM *Heard About a Newborn King* Lantz III
 *THE WRITTEN WORD Luke 3:1-6

Congregational response.....**Thanks be to God**

THE SPOKEN WORD *The Forerunner* Rev. James C. Sapp
 *CAROL OF COMMITMENT *Angels from the Realms of Glory* 220

*BENEDICTION
 POSTLUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Traditional/Turner
 *Let those who are able, please stand.

This service is broadcast live on WTUF at 106.3

Traditional Servants

Ushers: Michael Simmons, Bill Bowen, Jason Stump, Joe Brown, John Holik, Ed Simmons
 Greeters: Front: Arlen and Doris Yokely
 Elevator: Debbie Wheeler
 Lay Reader: Vivian Clark
 Sound Team: Paul Johns, Mike Nicolay, Derrick Ogletree
 Children's Church: Laurie Gunter

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CHURCH NIGHT SUPPER 12/12
 Dinner served 5:30pm until 6:00pm
MAGIC SHOW

Buffet: Potato Soup or Chili, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Kids Menu: Same
 2 ways to make a reservation:
 *Call the Church Office at 226-0840
 *Online at www.tfumc.com
 *Adults - \$6.00
 *3yrs - 11yrs - \$3.00
 *Family max - \$18.00



December 9, 2018

Well, the handbell choir did a great job in the 11:00 o'clock service. Thank you for your dedication. It also moves me to thank the praise team and the chancel choir for all the work they do preparing, playing and singing in our services. This takes commitment and giving of their time to serve the Lord. We also have pianists and an organist to accompany and play special music. It takes a lot of people to make our services flow smoothly, and sometimes we forget this fact. We have people running the sound and visual displays. We have creative types like Kelley Warnock, who does the creative display in the fellowship building. Let's not forget our welcome team in the 8:45am service and the ushers and greeters in the 11:00am service. Thank you all for your effort and work in our services.

See you Sunday,
James C. Sapp

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THE CHURCH STAFF

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Chris McClelland - Custodian
Ralph Minor - Custodian
Ron Sharp - Custodian

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:45am Contemporary Worship
9:45am Sunday School
10:00am Discipleship Academy
11:00am Traditional Worship
3:00pm Parsonage Open House
4:00pm Youth Band (9th-12th)
5:00pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00pm UMYF

Monday, December 10, 2018

2:30pm Staff Meeting
3:30pm Food Bank Christmas Party
5:00pm Adult Handbells

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

9:00am Food Bank Christmas Party
12:00pm Super Seniors Luncheon
6:00pm Contemporary Worship
Team Practice

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

4:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30pm Wed. Night Supper
6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 13, 2018

9:00am Food Bank Christmas Party

Saturday, December 15, 2018

5:00pm Jr. High Progressive Dinner

HOSPITAL AND CONCERNS

Prayer Concerns: Denny Blair, Andrea Bozeman, Robert Clark, Monroe Daniell, Darin Drury, Jay DuBose, Truman Francis, Ruth Glass, Ann Goggins, Herschel Harvell, Sanford Hawkins, Jean Hendrix, Abigail Johns, Dick Jones, Clarice King, Mike Nicolay, Bill Sullivan, Hilda Walker

ATTENDANCE

Total Worship Attendance December 2:

8:45am Contemporary Worship	233
11:00am Traditional Worship	<u>149</u>
Total:	382

Sunday School: 254

BIRTHDAYS

12/09: Wendy Metty, Scott Pittman
12/10: Edward Bailey, Kathryn Bailey, Anne Lewis, Trinkia Stirewalt
12/11: Kathy Hardeman, Brent Moody, Sandra Ward
12/12: Lilly Stowers, Samuel Yokley
12/13: Juliet Best, Chris Burton, Jennifer Shiver
12/15: Marjorie Baker, Amy House, Leanne Nesmith

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to a holiday open house at the parsonage (115 Winslow Drive), today, December 9, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

MAGIC SHOW

Please be sure to attend Family Night supper on Wednesday, December 12, for a time of illusion and mystery! Be sure to make supper reservations by Monday, December 10.

YOUTH NEWS

- We will be having a Christmas Karaoke Party today, December 9 during UMYF. So, bring a friend and wear something Christmasy!
- Progressive Dinners will be Saturday, December 15 for Jr. High, and Sunday, December 16 for Sr. High. This event is a three course meal, where we get to dress up nice, enjoy good food, exchange presents, and celebrate the Christmas Season! Students need to bring a \$5-10 gift for a white elephant gift exchange. Parents, help is still needed; if you are able and willing to help, please contact Jacob ASAP. Registration is on the youth page of the church website (tfumc.com).
- Parents and youth, please join our Remind group by texting @tfumcyouth to 81010 in order to receive updates regarding your youth program!

FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our church's annual Food Bank Christmas Parties have started. This is a time of year when we invite the clients of the Thomas County Food Bank to come share some Christmas snacks, music and love from our church family. The parties will continue on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 20.

We need your help! Please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help man the party (we meet in the bus barn behind the Food Bank). Sign-up sheets are available on Sundays and Wednesdays. We also need donations of:

Fresh Fruit	New or gently read children's books
Snack Cakes	Travel size toiletries
Bottled Water	Jewelry
New children's toys	New stuffed animals

Please bring donations to the church office. Thanks so much in advance for your generosity and kindness.

SAVE THE DATE, ALL YOU PLANET 56ERS!

We will go Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 16! Dress for the weather, meet at the church at 5:00pm and we will go out to dinner when we're finished singing. Friends are always welcome! Please call the church office and let us know how many are coming. Please bring \$5 to help pay for dinner--the church will cover the rest. See you soon!

YOUTH VISION TEAM

The youth program is looking to form a long-range planning team to help us continue to look towards the future. This team is open to anyone with a heart for our youth. We are planning to start meeting in January. If you are interested, please contact Jacob Hinckley (jhinckley@tfumc.com).

DISCIPLESHIP ACADEMY

Join us for the Fall Semester of the Discipleship Academy. Each week you will hear an engaging teaching followed by a chance to discuss and apply what you are learning. There is no need to sign up. You are welcome to come to a single class or the whole semester. We'll meet Sundays at 10am in the fellowship building.

Dec 2-9 - Sharing your Faith - Rev. Marshall Singletary

How do you share your beliefs with others in a meaningful way?

Dec 16 - Jesus' Birth and Our New Birth - Daniel Hayes

Contemporary Worship

8:45am

Good morning and thank you for joining us! It is our hope that you will encounter God's presence and feel His love as we worship together. We have coffee and restrooms that can be found near the elevator, and nursery and children's activities available in the Children's Ministry Building. Our Welcome Team is happy to help if you have any questions or need directions.

Today's Songs

Hark the Herald Angels Sing/

King of Heaven

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Waiting Here For You

Away in A Manger

Messiah

Today's Teaching

The Forerunner

Luke 3:1-6

Rev. James C. Sapp

Advent Revolution Announcement - Jerilyn Falconer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Parker Family

Sunday Servants/Welcome Team - Dave and Stephanie Anderson, Ben Celaya, Janet and Clarke Liles, Mitch Whitted, Todd Creech, Jessica Durante, Chris Salveter

Children's Church - Roy and Janice James

Creative Design - Kelley Warnock

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Lessons and Carols - Sunday December 23 @ 10:30am

This combined Worship Experience will be the highlight of the musical season! You will not want to miss this musical and historical telling of the Christmas Story, complete with Chancel Choir, Contemporary Praise Band, Adult Handbells, Children's Ensembles, Youth, our organist Steven Turner, and a special string quartet.

Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm "Make Room": A Contemporary Family Service*

Complete with an interactive Children's storybook, "Room for a Little One: A Christmas Story" for our young congregants, this service will feature Contemporary Worship with familiar carols, and some newer songs fit for the Christmas season, concluding with the candlelit "Silent Night."

**For those attending the 4:00pm service, who wish to take Communion, Communion will be offered in the Chapel at 5:00pm (immediately following the Contemporary Service). We invite you to take this time with your family, while the string quartet serenades with Carols.

- 6pm Traditional Christmas Eve Communion Service*

Our Chancel Choir and string quartet will lead us in moving reflection on the coming of Jesus. We invite you to take Communion with your family during this service. We will also raise our candles to the sky to symbolize the light of Jesus coming to save the world.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO RING

The church has one date for volunteers to ring the Salvation Army bell at Publix on **Friday, December 14th, 10:00am - 6:00pm**. You can sign-up for one hour time slots at both worship services Sunday or contact Charles Puryear at 229-347-4236.