

Allen-Lee Memorial UMC

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Prelude Becky Hafner-Camp

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Palmer Boykin

† Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

† Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of Advent Candles Insert

† Hymn *Lord of the Dance* UMH 261

† Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH 229

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalter Reading Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

† Please stand as you are able.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

† Gloria Patri UMH 70

Epistle Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

† Hymn *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

† Hymn *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* UMH 236

Offertory Becky Hafner-Camp

Special Music *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Rev. Palmer Boykin
Winston Skinner
Becky Hafner-Camp, Accompanist

† Doxology UMH 95

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

Sermon "The Beginning" Rev. Palmer Boykin

† The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

† Closing Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

† Benediction Rev. Palmer Boykin

Postlude Becky Hafner-Camp



WELCOME TO ALLEN-LEE

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while you are here worshiping with us. Please let us know if you need anything or want more information about our church. We are an open and welcoming fellowship. It is our hope that you will come again and often!

PRAYER LIST

Long-Term Requests

Gail Aydin	Lorraine Durham	Ernie Rivera
Lenward Bassett	David Gregory	Steve Robinson
Patricia Bassett	Jennifer Hillyer	Angie Smith
Melinda Bell	Mary Hoffman	Deana Still
Marie Boatright	Katherine Jones	Ed Vance
Joy Burks	Pat Kee	Julie Watson
Margaret Camp	Bo Kelly	Delayne Wells
Mac/Tina Chandler	Juanita Marshall	Jackie Williams
Carolyn Crist	Victoria Price	Roger With
Annette Duffey	Michael Rector	Mary Woodruff

Current Prayer List

Teresa Bryan	Steve Martin	Kaaren Moseley
Ruby Fernandez	Mickey McGee	Anna Nalley
Elaine Hillyer	Chance Meadows	Loretta Rector
Mel Kendricks	Teresa Mendez	Roger Reid

In Memory

Frances Coleman	Brenda Veal
Hugh Nash	Debra Yeager

Missionary

Connie Weick, Southeast Asia

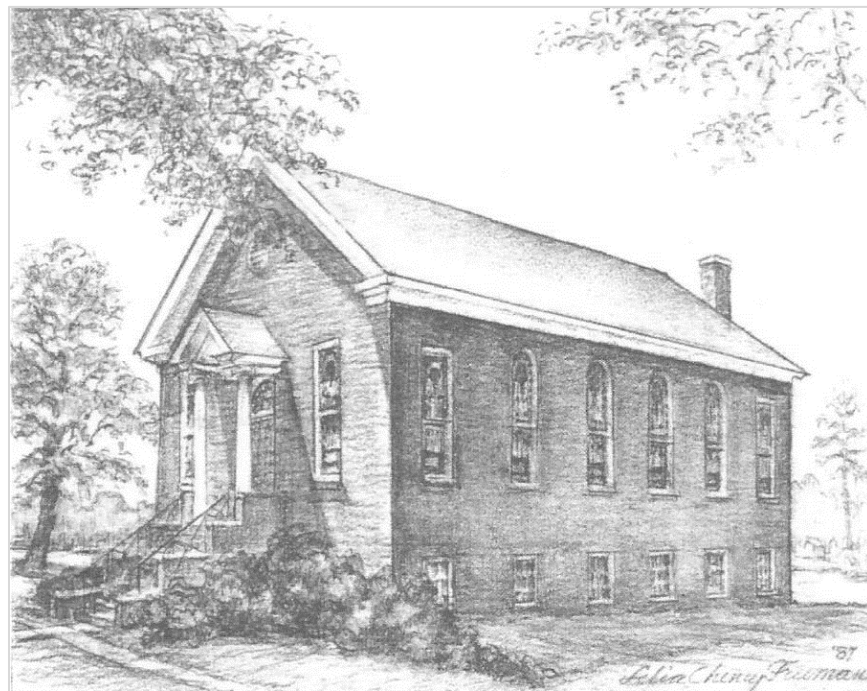
Military/Contract Personnel

Phillip Boykin – Japan	Davis Gray – Mississippi
Jonathan Chaffin – Iraq	Austin Shelton – Kentucky
Brandon Davis – Florida	Ry Skinner – Georgia
Jack Edmonds, III – Germany	Taylor Threatt – Virginia

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

05 – Lee Ann Kitchens (B)	22 – Rosemary Medford (B)
11 – Nancy Gray (B)	28 – Loretta Saucier (B)
11 – Mark and Lee Ann Kitchens (A)	28 – Mark Kitchens (B)
14 – Rosalind Edmondson (B)	

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Reader 1: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader 2: We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

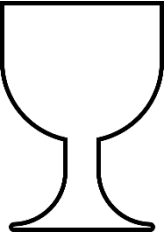

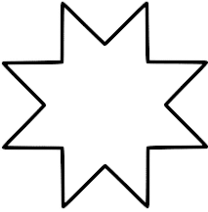
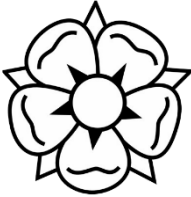

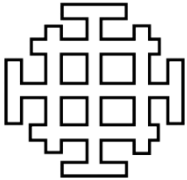

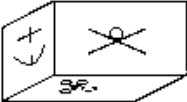

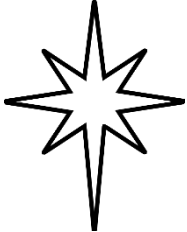
Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader 1: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

Light the previously lit purple candle and another purple candle of the Advent wreath.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The memorial service for Julie Watson will be this coming Saturday, December 16, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Visitation will be from 1-2.
- Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar, aimed at filling the Little Free Pantry, are on pink paper on the table in the narthex. You can bring food anytime, but by December 31 at the latest.
- If you want a memorial gift listed in next week's bulletin, please let Lynn or Winston Skinner know. Also, plan to take your poinsettias home after the December 17 service.
- Gifts for our Christmas families need to be placed in the small Sunday school room downstairs no later than next Sunday, December 17.
- On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will worship with our friends at Luthersville UMC. That service will start at 9:30 a.m. We are inviting the Luthersville congregation to join us for the final service of the year on December 31 at 11 a.m.
- Several people have already bought tickets to "I'd Climb the Highest Mountain" in Carrollton after church on January 7. The movie starts at 2 p.m., and we'll be going to Dairy Queen as a group afterward. Tickets are available at bit.ly/AllenLeeMovie. If you need a ticket and don't order via computer, see Winston Skinner.
- As a Lighthouse Congregation, we have been sent copies of two books – "Being United Methodist Christians: Living a Life of Grace and Hope" and "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together." They are on a front pew for members to take home, read and return.
- Don't forget the Heart Jar in the narthex. Contributions in the jar go to the benevolence fund, which helps people in need. You can also make a contribution by check to the church with "benevolence" in the memo line.
- Please help us keep the prayer list on the bulletin updated. If you know someone who needs to be added to or removed from the list, please let Lynn or Winston Skinner know. You can email information to wwinstonskinner@gmail.com. The bulletin is usually printed on Wednesday or Thursday.

 <p>Chalice <i>Blood of Jesus Christ and the sacrament of the Holy Communion</i></p>	 <p>Shepherd's Crook <i>Jesus, the Good Shepherd</i></p>
 <p>Eight-Pointed Star <i>Man's regeneration through baptism</i></p>	 <p>Rose <i>Symbol of the nativity of our Lord</i></p>
 <p>Cross and Crown <i>Reward of the faithful and those who believe</i></p>	 <p>Jerusalem Cross <i>Contains five crosses, spreading the gospel to the world</i></p>
 <p>Shamrock <i>Illustrates the Trinity</i></p>	 <p>Cornerstone <i>Christ is the cornerstone of Christian faith</i></p>
 <p>Angel with Trumpet <i>Announcing the coming of Christ</i></p>	 <p>Star of the Nativity <i>Sign to mark the birth of Jesus</i></p>

SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON

Chrismon Ornaments

A Chrismon is a monogram of Christ. All of the designs of the Chrismon ornaments are symbols of Christ which have been passed down through the centuries of Christian history, and it is hoped that they will make the celebration of Christmas more meaningful with the emphasis upon God's great gift to the world, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

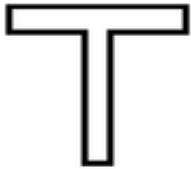

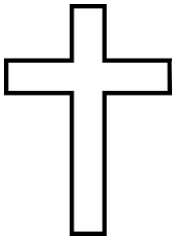
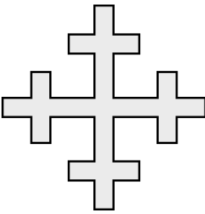
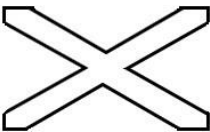
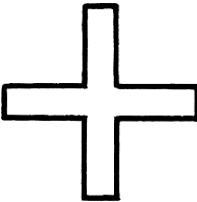
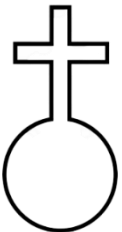



Any ornament that refers to an event of Christ's life on earth and also illustrates a divine quality depicting the real miracle of the first Christmas – the day that God came to earth in the form of Jesus Christ – is a Chrismon ornament.

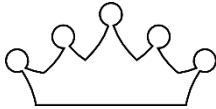
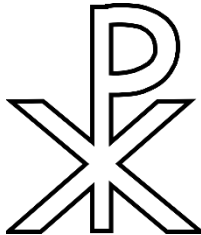

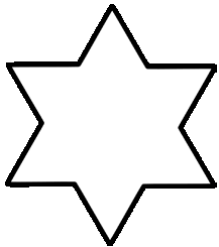


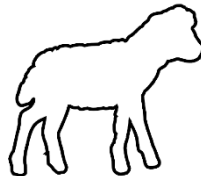

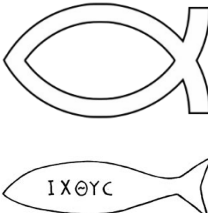

All Chrismon ornaments are made in white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God.

The background of tiny white lights on the tree reflects the purity of our Savior, the light of the world.

The chart in this brochure has illustrations of some Chrismon ornaments along with the information about the meaning of the design.



 <p>Tau Cross <i>Anticipatory; Old Testament</i></p>	 <p>Anchor Cross <i>Cross of hope</i></p>
 <p>Latin Cross <i>Cross of Christ's crucifixion</i></p>	 <p>Cross Crosslet <i>The spread of Christianity to the end of the earth</i></p>
 <p>St. Andrew's Cross <i>X is the first Greek letter of Christ; Andrew was the first disciple</i></p>	 <p>Greek Cross <i>Has equal arms; represents the church</i></p>
 <p>Cross over the World <i>Triumph; symbol of authority over the world</i></p>	 <p>Cross in Eternity <i>God as creator encompasses His whole creation</i></p>
 <p>Alpha and Omega <i>As part of the Trinity, Jesus has and always will exist</i></p>	 <p>Crown of Thorns <i>INRI stands for "King of the Jews" in Latin</i></p>

 <p>Crown <i>Jesus is the King of Kings, ruler of heaven and earth</i></p>	 <p>Chi Rho <i>Represents the word for Christ in Greek</i></p>
 <p>Cross, Circle, Chi, Butterfly <i>Eternity and resurrection</i></p>	 <p>Star of David <i>Jesus is of the house and lineage of King David</i></p>
 <p>Cross and Chi in Two Circles <i>Outer circle represents the finite; inner circle the infinite</i></p>	 <p>Three Entwined Circles <i>Symbol for the Holy Trinity</i></p>
 <p>Lamb <i>Jesus is the Lamb of God</i></p>	 <p>Dove <i>Innocence and purity; signifies the Holy Spirit, the presence of God</i></p>
 <p>Fish <i>IXOYE, acrostic of first letters of Greek for Jesus Christ, God's Son</i></p>	 <p>Butterfly <i>Symbol of the Resurrection</i></p>

Confessing their sins,
the people were baptized.

Circle the 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



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Preparing the Way for Jesus

God sent John to
prepare the way for Jesus.

Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture.



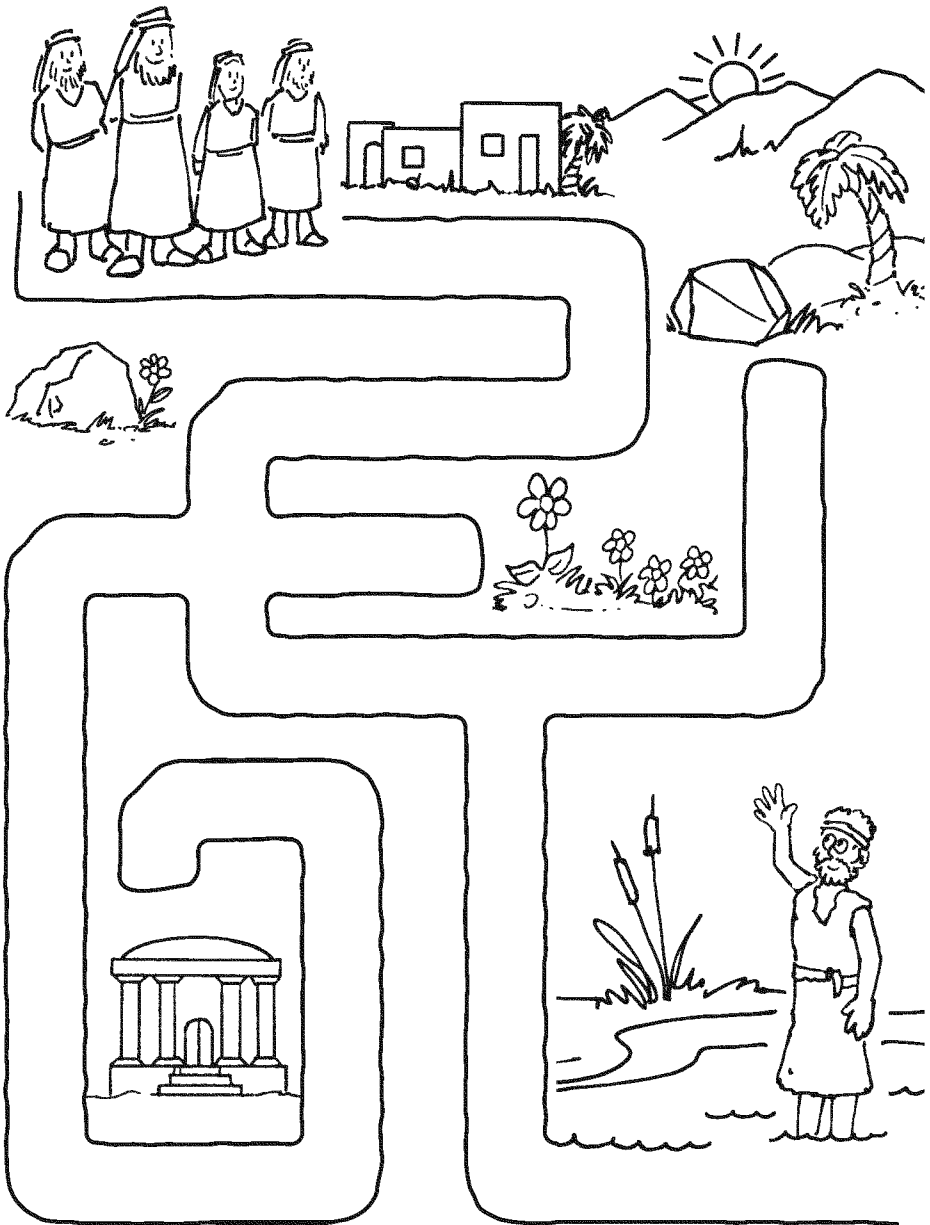
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All the people of Jerusalem
went out to hear him.

Follow the maze to John.



John preached of baptism
for forgiveness of sins.

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

