

Christmas Decorations

Advent begins November 27th. The church will be decorated in traditional elements given by the congregation. If you would like to contribute to the Christmas decorations (wreaths, poinsettias, and trees) for the church, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Tuesday, November 29th. Each gift of \$16.00 may be given in honor or memory of a friend or loved one and will be acknowledged in the worship bulletin in December.

Please print.

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____ Phone: _____

Make checks payable to ESUMC. Please send to attn: Gwen at the church office: 228 W Edenton St. Raleigh, NC 27603.

Christmas Lovefeast is tonight at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Music begins at 5:30.

Plan to join us on November 27th at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary for a moving worship experience! The Christmas Lovefeast is a traditional Advent worship service signifying brotherly love while sharing a simple meal of bread and hot punch. We sing Christmas carols and enjoy the special holiday music. This is a wonderful worship experience for the whole family.

Loop System in the Sanctuary Our Sanctuary is now fitted with an induction loop system for the benefit of those with hearing aids. Please switch your device to “T.” Your Hearing Aid provider can upgrade your device if you do not already have the T-Coil setting option.

Advent Wreath Kits are available this morning outside room 251. They are \$15. Partner your Advent Wreath with our church Advent Devotion book for a meaningful Christmas experience at home.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 27th

8:40 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanct.)

9:30 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanct.)

11:11 am The Gathering Contemporary Worship Service (Kerr)

12:00 pm WIHN Hosting Setup

4:00 pm Joyful Ringers Handbell Choir, Children’s Dance Rehearsal (357), Youth Handbell Choir (351)

5:00 pm Youth Choir, Cherub Choir (306), Crusader Choir (169), Celtic Choir (317) Youth/Adult Dance (357)

6:00 pm Lovefeast (Sanct.)

Monday, November 28th

9:45 am Physical Fitness Class (257)

12:00 pm ECP Board Mtg (251)

2:00 pm Disciple 4 (167)

6:00 pm Alpha Dinner and Study (Kerr), New Testament History (164)

6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ. (163), Disciple 2 (167)

Tuesday, November 29th

7:00 am Design for Discipleship (251)

9:00 am Christian Believer (321)

9:15 am Exodus to Deuteronomy (167)

5:00 pm Men’s Study Leaders Mtg. (357)

7:00 pm Men’s Study (Kerr), Young Adult BB (Bulla)

Wednesday, November 30th

9:30 am Dwell Study (163)

10:30 am Wed. AM Bible Study (321)

11:15 Intercessory Prayer (Prayer rm)

12:00 Advent Noonday Service and Lunch (Kerr)

5:00 pm Girl Scouts (Bulla)

6:30 pm The Journey Advent Study (161), Financial Peace (251), Young Adult Marriage Small Group (164)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Bulla)

Thursday, December 1st

7:30 am Church Steering Committee (251)

9:30 am Wake Partnership to End Homelessness (162)

9:45 am Physical Fitness Class (357)

6:00pm The Gathering Praise Team (Kerr)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 2nd

7:00 am Youth Breakfast (offsite)

8:45 am EStreeters Trip (offsite)

4:30 pm Foundry Fellowship Dinner (Kerr)

8:00 pm Messiah Sing-in (Sanct.)

Saturday, December 3rd

8:30 am Love Wins (offsite)

9:00 am Breakfast with Mary and Joseph (Kerr), Kairos Mtg (162)

Edward F. “Ned” Hill, II, Senior Pastor

Lisa N. Yebuah, Pastor of Inviting Ministries

David J. Allen, Pastor of Caring Ministries

Leigh Holloway, Director of Preparing Ministries

Carlin Johnson, Director of Equipping and Sending Ministries

Nancy Gerst, Interim Director of Music

Josh Dumbleton, Associate Director of Music • Joy Owen, Welcoming Ministries

Susan C. McGuire, Director of Older Adult Ministries

Stefan Youngblood, Director of Contemporary Worship

Ruthie Jones, Director of Children’s Ministries

Justin Morgan, Director of Youth Ministries • Renae Newmiller, Director of Missions

Ray Beale, Director of Young Adult and College Age Ministries

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

As the community gathers, we respectfully request that you enter into a time of silent preparation for worship. May the music of the prelude draw your hearts and minds to God. The chancel area is open for prayer before the service and during the last hymn.

The Prelude *Meditation on Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
arr. Pardini

The Greeting Rev. Yebuah

The Announcements for the Morning

The Introit *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
French Carol, Picardy

+The Call to Worship (sung) Rev. Yebuah
**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

+The Prophecy of Isaiah Isaiah 11:3 Pg. 609 OT, Pew Bible

+The Presentation of the Cross and the Light of Christ

+The Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

+The Processional
Hymn 211 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* 9th Century Latin
Tune: Veni Emmanuel 15th Cent. French

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Allen
While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

The Silent Confession Rev. Allen

The Prayer of Pardon and Words of Assurance Rev. Allen

The Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Praetorius
** The Chancel Ensemble D
* The Chancel Choir

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.
O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God, from sin and death He saves us, and lightens every load.*

A Humble Tree Written and read by Grayson Deihl

The Prayers of the People Rev. Allen

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Offertory *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* Manz
** The Chancel Ensemble D
* The Chancel Choir

*Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon!
E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light, nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

+The Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, yet heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+The Hymn 196 *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Wesley
Tune: Hyfrydol Pritchard
During the singing of the hymn, all children are invited to come forward and be seated in front of the pew screens for the reading of the scripture.

The Scripture Lesson Matthew 1:1-17 Pg. 1 NT, Pew Bible
Rev. Sally Bates

Please stand and sing:

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.**

The children may return to their seats. There is no Wiggler Worship this morning.

The Sermon SCOUNDRELS, LIARS AND THE PERFECT CHILD
Rev. Hill

+The Hymn 203 *Hail To the Lord's Anointed* Montgomery
Tune: Ellacombe Gesangbuch

+The Affirmation of Faith 881 Rev. Hill

+The Gloria Patri 71
+The Benediction Rev. Hill

+The Choral Response *Go In Peace to Serve the Lord* French Carol
+The Sending Forth of the Cross and the Light of Christ into the World
+The Chimes - In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

+The Postlude *Toccata on Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
arr. Pardini

+ Please stand, if able. ** 8:40 * 10:55

Participating in the service today:

Acolytes: ** William Stupalsky, Parker York, Lillian York
* Trey Walker, Jack Holloway, Andy Holloway

Liturgists: Lisa N. Yebuah, David J. Allen

Preacher: Edward F. Hill, II

Interim Director of Music: Nancy Gerst

Director of Preparing Ministries: Leigh Holloway

Organist: Josh Dumbleton Pianist: Betty Hansen

Welcome to all guests worshipping with us this morning! We are honored that you chose to worship at Edenton Street. Let us know who you are by signing our Fellowship Pad found in the pew. Please receive your gift on the Information Table in the belltower after the service. For information concerning membership or ministries, please contact Joy Owen, Director of Welcoming Ministries, at 832-7535 ext. 350 or jowen@esumc.org. In addition, materials that may be of interest can be found on the welcome cart in the Poindexter Lobby.

Advent Wreath

This morning J.D. and Betty Foust (8:40 a.m.) and Jerry and Kari Stoltz and Haley and Ellie (10:55 a.m.) will light the first candle on the advent wreath. This candle is the *Prophets Candle*. Prophets spoke the truth about what was to be. In honor and remembrance of all the prophets, we light this candle.

Today we will collect an offering for United Methodist Students that helps to fund scholarships, education, and loans for students attending United Methodist colleges and other schools, both locally and globally.