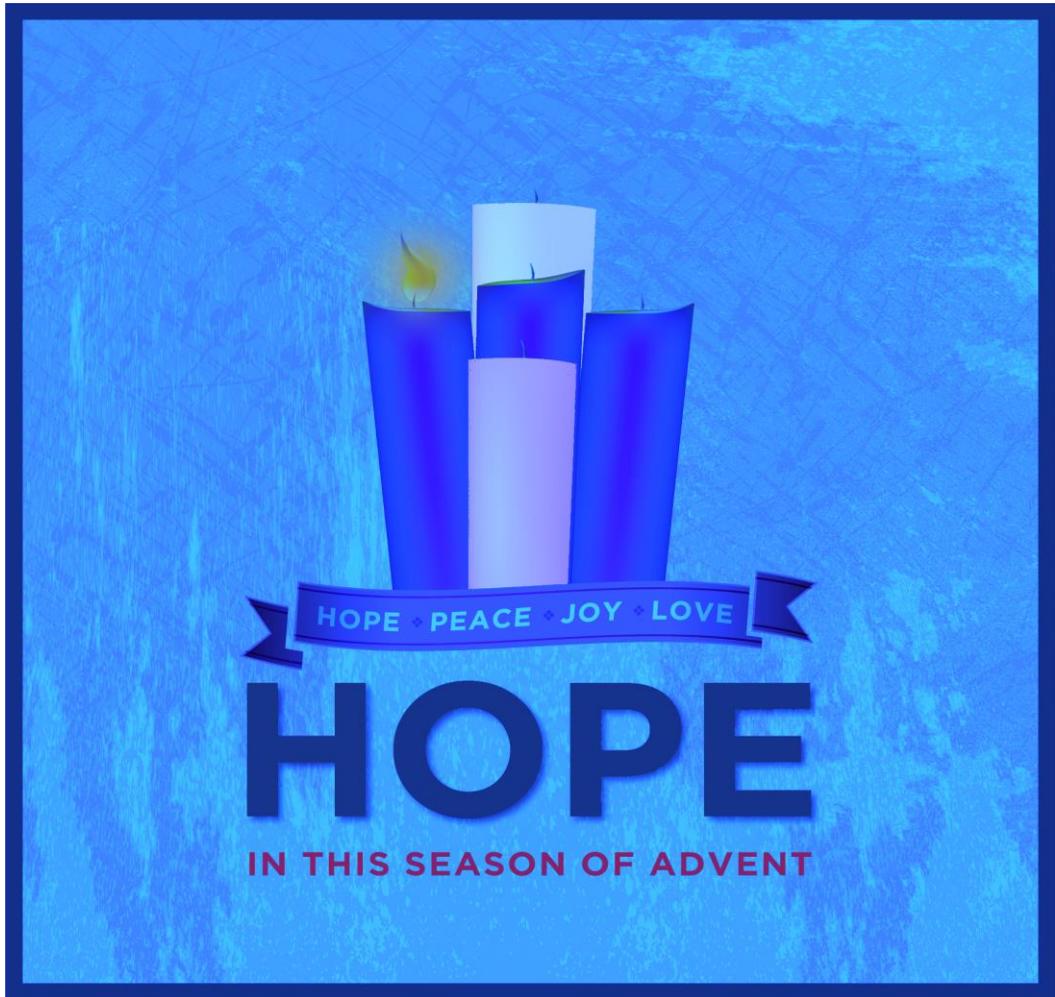


**1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**



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JOY TO THE WORLD

Words: Issac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

- 1) Joy to the world! The Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven nature sing.

- 2) Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3) No more let sins and sorrows grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found;
Far as the curse is found;
Far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4) He rules the world with truth and grace;
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
ORDER OF WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT TO WORSHIP....."HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

DOXOLOGY.....**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above each heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Minister/Steward**

L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:1-2)*

P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. *(Ps. 84:10)*

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. *(Ps. 122:9)*

P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. *(Ps. 92:13)*

L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. *(Ps. 28:8)*

P: For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. *(Hab. 2:20)*

L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *(Ps. 19:14)*

P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises. *(Ps. 19:1&4)*

THE MORNING HYMN #120....."**JOY TO THE WORLD**"

THE PRAYERS.....ELDERS & DEACONS

Prayer of Purification, Prayer of Pardon, and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Purification

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: 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.

The Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant: Almighty God, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to you with true repentance and sincere faith; Have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all of our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Savior...

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our LORD, to set forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the Company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. AMEN!**

THE PRAYER RESPONSE....."HE IS LORD"
He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Luke 21: 25-36 (niv)**
(Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34)

25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." 29 He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

PREFACE..... **"From all that dwell below the skies,
Let thy creator's praise arise;
Let the redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue."**

THE SUMMARY OF THE**Minister/Steward**

M: And He said to them, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI.....”**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

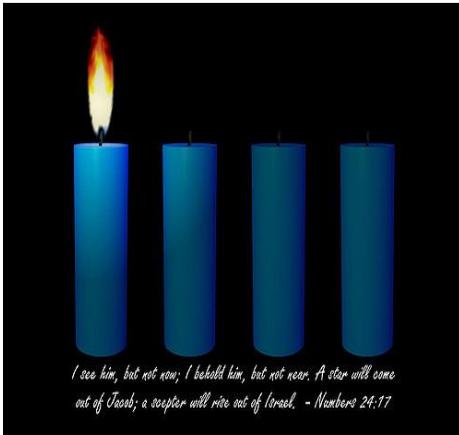
SELECTION

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....**Finance Committee**

ADVENT MOMENT.....**Pastor Hale**

First Sunday of Advent – Hope

By Carlene L. Douglas



Young Adult: Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is the liturgical season of the year when we reflect on, and prepare ourselves anew, for the second coming of Jesus Christ. The theme for this Sunday is HOPE.

Leader: The Lord has promised justice and righteousness in the land. The days are surely coming. Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice in God’s promise!

Congregation: Our eyes are open, our hearts are ready. The present will not distract our focus, for we believe that a day of justice will come!

Leader: Our strength is in our hope. We live as liberated people for our hope is in the Lord. We light this candle today, confident that Jesus will return to reward our hope in Him.

Young Adult: Light a blue candle.

All Together: The cares of today will not rob us of our hope in Jesus Christ's return. Jesus is our Light, and through Him we are empowered to eradicate despair, expose injustice, and be liberated by the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ, we have the audacity to hope.

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE MESSAGE.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....**MASS CHOIR**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME.....**Pastor Hale**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN #530....."LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Chief Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, praying together in one voice our General Confession.

Celebrant and People: ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our LORD, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Response: *AMEN!*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: O Merciful Savior, we do not come to your holy table trusting in our own grace and mercy, but in the greatness of your mercy. We are not worthy enough to gather up the crumbs under your table. You are the LORD and your love has met, and always will meet, every human need. Grant us humble access to your love in the sacramental feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and wash away our sinful pride, so that in mercy we may be drawn near to you and to him who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever.

Choral Response: *AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!*

THE CONSECRATION

Chief Celebrant: All glory, power and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your own image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This, is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE SOLICITATION

Chief Celebrant: You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life,

following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE ELEMENTS SHARED

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Scripture for next week: Luke 3: 1-6**
- **Today, December 2, First Sunday of Advent!** The Christian Calendar begins again and Advent is the season of Preparation ... we're preparing for the Second Coming of Christ! As we prepare for Christmas, we remember that the promised Messiah was born to save the human race, and we prepare our hearts for his return...he shall come again!!!
- **New Members Class: Every Sunday in December (beginning today), from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.** For those who are new members or have not yet been “read” into membership. Also for those who just want a Membership REFRESHER. For those who need the classes, you will need to attend ALL of them, so please plan accordingly. For more information, please see Pastor Hale.
- **Wednesdays, December 5-January 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Pastor’s Bible Study is taking a Holiday Break and will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2019**
- **Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., Mass Choir rehearsal.**
- **The following Organizations and Ministries have scheduled with the Pastor to “organize” for the New Year. We will meet in the Annex following Worship:**
 - **Sunday, December 2, Mass Choir/Music Ministry**
 - **Sunday, December 9, Usher Board**
 - **Sunday, December 16, Women’s Missionary Society**
 - **Sunday, December 30, Stewardess**

If your organization or ministry is not listed, please let the Pastor know. Thank you!!

- **Saturday, December 8, 10:00 a.m., The Lay Quarterly Business Meeting at Bethel AME Church, Shelbyville.** Anyone interested in going, please see Susan Johnson.
- **Saturday, December 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m., The Lay Organization’s God’s Christmas Open House is an opportunity for Christian fellowship.** From 5:00-5:50 p.m., fellowship in the lower auditorium with food, games, socializing, and an ugly sweater contest (a prize will be given). From 6:00-7:00 p.m., worship experience in the sanctuary. The Lay is encouraging everyone to participate in the Joy of Jesus during this holiday season.

- **Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m., Christmas Celebration.**
- **Sunday, December 30, 11:00 a.m., Love Feast (NO, we're not serving dinner).** The Love Feast is an old service to bring healing and unity in our relationships before entering the New Year. Bread (which is not eaten) and water are shared as symbols of friendship and unity, with each other and with God. There is a time of testimonials and thanks, and we're reminded of the three rules to live by (the General Rules).
- **Sunday, January 6, 11:00 a.m., The Covenant Renewal Service.** January 6 is Epiphany on the Christian Calendar, the celebration of the Visitation of the Magi to the Child Jesus, bearing the three gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. This is also the First Sunday of the New Year, and we're going to use an old liturgy that originated with John Wesley, the Covenant Renewal Service, to rededicate ourselves, and renew our relationship and commitment to God.
- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$170.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA170**.
- Conference Claims per **member per month is \$15.00**. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- **The Seed Sowers Project** is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- **Mass and Men's Choir:** Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- **The YPD and Christian Education will be collecting perishables for the homeless.** We will be collecting toiletries, travel size, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, lotion, body wash, combs, tissues, etc., for the Homeless for our Christmas Outreach Blessing Bags. Boxes will be set up in the back of the Church for your donations/collections. Thank you for all your help with these projects.
- **St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in:** If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- **Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at 361-1426.**
- **Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.**



Our Known Sick and Shut-Ins

Charles Brown, Jr.	Renee Scott-Smith
Roslyn Collins	Jessie Searce
Phyllis Dockies	Judy Sears
Rita Kirtley	Russell Thornton

Our Known Community Sick and Shut-Ins

Armenta Chase

Lewis Givens

Rev. Frederick Hale

Corliss Howard

Mildred Jones

Richard Kirtley, Jr.

Betty Moseley

Barbara Nash

Odes Nash

Rev. James Smith

Frances Walker

Anna Williams

James Winkfield

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Send them a card, call and visit to let them know you care.



Harold Ikard, Jr. December 8

James Harris December 15

Randy Harris December 18

Jonathan Higgins December 18

Susan Johnson December 28

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Matt. 16:17-28

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