

**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
9:30 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.....**Matthew 24: 36-44 (niv)**
(Isaian 2: 15; Psalm 122; Romans 13: 11-14)

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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.**

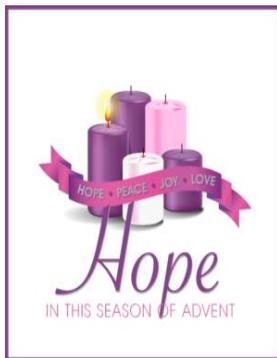
SELECTION

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

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

First Sunday of Advent – Hope

By Carlene L. Douglas



Leader: The Advent season is a time when we reflect on the second coming of Jesus Christ. The theme for this **first Sunday of Advent is HOPE**. Scripture reminds us that Jesus will return. We live in hope, in expectation of the fulfillment of this truth, and prepare for Jesus’ return. Though living in hope will not guarantee a life devoid of challenge and disappointment, we have the assurance that when gripped by despair, we can trust in God.

Response: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Leader: We will light a candle today, believing in the promise of a secure and eternal future with Jesus Christ, a time when wolves and lambs will live in peace together. Living in hope is an investment in our future.

Response: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(A youth lights a purple candle and says: *We light this candle believing in the promise of a secure and eternal future with Jesus Christ. Come let us walk in the light of the Lord.*)

ALL: O God of hope, we praise You for You alone do wondrous things. Give us strength to live through these present days, as we prepare for the unexpected hour when Jesus returns. We pray in faith that every day our lives will overflow with hope in You. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

SERMONIC SELECTION.....	MASS CHOIR
THE MESSAGE.....	Pastor Hale
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP.....	Pastor Hale
INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....	MASS CHOIR
WELCOME.....	Pastor Hale

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
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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.

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.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12
Church School for ALL Ages – 8:00 am *Every Sunday*
Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY Thursday at 6:00 PM

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- Monday, December 2, 6:30 p.m., Official Board and Calendar Planning Meeting.
- Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m., 1st Quarterly Conference with Presiding Elder Kenneth Golphin.
- The Mary Creth Missionary Society and other volunteers will be working the Food Pantry on the following dates: **Monday, December 2 & 9** from 5:00-7:00 and **Thursday, December 5 & 12** from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 14, 6:00 p.m., "God's Open House" here at St. Paul.
- Sunday, December 22, Our Christmas Celebration!
- Sunday, December 29, Love Feast
- Sunday, December 31, 10:30 p.m., Watch Night Service at First Baptist Church.
- Sunday, January 6, Covenant Renewal Service.

REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of \$171.00 is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as CA171.
- Conference Claims per member per month is \$15.00/\$180.00 per year. 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 member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- 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 (859) 361-1426.
- Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

- **Calling Post**

If you're not part of our Calling Post, then please text or email the Pastor using his contact information on the front of the bulletin. Give him your name, phone number and email address, and we'll make sure you are kept in the loop! Thank you!!!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lorie Dale	December 5
Harold Ikard, Jr.	December 8
James Harris	December 15
Randy Harris	December 18
Jonathan Higgins	December 18
Susan Johnson	December 28

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Families of Charles E. Brown, Jr.
and Charles E. Brown, III
Armenta Chase
Christine Collins
Lorie Dale
Phyllis Dockies
Lewis Givens
Damon Greene
Jacqueline Greenlee
Rev. Frederick E. Hale
Mary Marcella Higgins
Pearl C. Higgins
Mildred Jones
Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Norman Morton
Betty Moseley
Odes Nash
Rev. James E. Smith
Renee Scott Smith
Russell Thornton
Frances Walker
Anna Williams

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

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Matt. 16:17-28

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GLORY	FOLLOW
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HADES	HEAVEN
HANDS	KINGDOM
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JONAH	PRIESTS
KEYS	REBUKE
PETER	REWARD
ROCK	TEACHERS
SAVE	RAISED
SIMON	TRUTH
SOUL	WARNED
TASTE	WORLD

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SERMON NOTES

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Sermon
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Sermon
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