



Gifts are loaded in the car of one of the White Christmas families.

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From the Pastor...

It's interesting how our favorite Christmas memories change with time. When I was a kid, I used to talk about the Christmas Santa brought a trampoline. I'm still not sure how he got it onto his sleigh. When I had kids, I just enjoyed watching them open their gifts.

As I've matured, my favorite Christmas memories are around worship. I am always moved by our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion. I love watching families make their way up the aisle to receive the bread and cup. Each person seems to radiate the spirit of Christmas.

I'm also privileged to start the candle lighting service. As the light spreads from person to person, it reminds me of how God's love is also shared from person to person. Then when we raise our lit candles, the sanctuary glows. The entire building glows, but so do your faces.

Each Christmas offers us the opportunity to create new memories for ourselves and those we love. If we truly want to "keep Christ in Christmas", being a part of our church's celebrations is central. So too is spreading the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I hope you will participate in our special services and bring others with you.

Nolan



Christmas Services

**Music Ministry Presents
"Christmas Canticles"**

Sunday, December 17, 2023

6:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

The sanctuary choir, children's choir, orchestra, soloist, and readers will present *Christmas Canticles: A Cantata of Carols in Four Suites*.

Christmas Canticles brings favorite carols and beautiful new songs together, which are woven together in four suites to create a work that is just perfect for this Advent and Christmas season. These fresh and singable arrangements capture a variety of Christmas musical moments from joyous to gentle helping to make *Christmas Canticles* a wonderful celebration of the season.

**Christmas Eve
Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.**

There will be NO Sunday School.

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary**

Schedule

Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata & Cookie Fellowship

Monday, December 18

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
 6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 21

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Church Office Closed
 No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, December 28

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



Sunday, December 31

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!
 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday, January 4

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball
 2:30 p.m. Wond. Wednesday After School Prog.

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
 6:00 p.m. Children's Music & Missions

6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 11

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet



Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
 Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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Spiritual Statistics

	12/3	12/10
In Person	195	192
Live Stream	23	22
Sunday School	95	94

Financial Statistics

	December	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	176,822.00	168,518.00
Budget Receipts	31,569.00	322,033.00
Goals Not Met	(145,253.00)	(163,515.00)
Alms	1,443.00	2,996.00
Designated	6,922.00	38,328.00

White Christmas - December 9, 2023





Announcements

Wednesday Evening Menus

Cost of the meal is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child. No reservation is needed.

December 20

BBQ, mac & cheese, baked beans, slaw

December 27

No Activities

January 3

No Activities

January 10

breakfast for dinner

Senior Adult Luncheon Thursday, January 19, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Clay Lunsford and Matthew Weaver, a crowd favorite, will entertain. The meal will include a variety of soup and salad. Cost is \$6.00. Please make your reservation by Monday, January 15.

Summer Camp Interest Meeting Sunday, January 7, 2024 11:00 a.m. - Adams Hall

Parents of Children and Youth who would like to know more about camp opportunities this summer should meet in Adams Hall. Kids Camp will be June 12-15 at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center. Youth Camp will be June 23-28 at Converse University. You will be able to sign up at the meeting.

Godly Play Session Sunday, January 21, 2024

We will have a luncheon for our families with children (birth to 5th grade). We will enjoy lunch and then provide childcare while parents will experience a Godly Play session. Godly Play is a Montessori based worship curriculum that we will begin with the children during worship once a month. Our first Godly Play session for children will be Sunday, January 28. If you are interested in learning more about Godly Play, but you are not a parent with young children, we will host a session for adults on Sunday, February 18 during Sunday School and other sessions in the coming months..

Happy Birthday

January 1

Bill Yeckley

January 2

Don Koepnick

Lisa Shankle

January 3

Dennis Deal

Dean Roberts

January 5

Katherine Webb

January 8

Jones Faulkenberry

Mayme Hacker

Mike McLain

January 9

Carol Heckel

Ike Wuertz

January 10

Cassidy Barker

Carol Boroughs

January 11

Jean Elledge

January 12

Kaye Daniel

Edwin Hunter

January 13

Carolyn Garner

Bill Henderson

Nicole Osborne

January 16

Trevor Devine

January 17

Brett Eckerman

January 18

David Lewis

January 24

Becky Beasley

Matthew Johnson

Ryan Johnson

January 25

Audrey Tompkins-Horne

January 27

Darrell Bare

Luke Kilby

Matilda Kilby

January 30

Jan Hunter

January 31

Amy Moore



Welcome to our Church Family!
Cathy Williams joined our congregation on Wednesday, November 15. She is pictured with her husband, Stan.



Gavin Sykes made a profession of faith on Sunday, December 4. He is scheduled to be baptized soon.