

Prelude

Instrumentalists

***Processional Hymn**

COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

*Wesley/Pritchard
Chalice #125 - Verses 1 & 2*

Welcome & Announcements

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL

*McGee
Chalice #134*

Invocation

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Today, we light the first candle in our Advent wreath. It represents HOPE that we live out each day on the way to Bethlehem. We have made this journey before and nothing will keep us from making it again. There are lessons to be learned along the way, in the darkness and the still of the night. At the end of this journey, we know we will find the one who always brings hope to our world.

Today, I light the candle of Hope - Let us prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

ONE CANDLE IS LIT

*Parrott/Kirkpatrick
Chalice #128 - Verse 1*

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses the light.
Salvation draw near us, our vision engage,
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Let There Be Christmas

Arr. Hamby

Modern Reading

***Scripture Reading**

Sermon

Reverend Carol West

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Grown Up Christmas List

*Foster/Jenner
Shannon Guttrich, soloist*

***Offertory Response**

GLORIA
Meineke

Confession

*Covenant of God,
You send us messengers
To cleanse and refine us for Your coming.
Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message.
That we may see you when You suddenly appear among us;
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Communion

Communion is a sacred time of worship in which you are invited to join us in singing the following hymns or in silent meditation. At Celebration, all are invited to receive communion.

THOU ART WORTHY

*Mills
Chalice #114*

I Am Thine, O Lord

*Crosby/Doane
Chalice #601 - Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4*

It Is Well With My Soul

*Spafford/Bliss
Chalice #561 - Verses 1,2,3 & 4*

***Recessional Hymn**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*French melody
Chalice #119 - Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4*

Benediction

Postlude

Instrumentalists

**Please rise as you are able.*



THE VINE

"I am the Vine, you are the branches." John 15:5

A CELEBRATION COMMUNITY CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

This Sunday, The Vine is sponsored by Jim Glass in celebration of the life of Roland Mc Laughlin on his birthday.

WANTED: SECRET SANTAS

We are in search of a few more people to be Secret Santas for children in need and senior citizens who have been forgotten. Write "SANTA" and either "SR", "CHILD" or "BOTH" in the Redbook as it is passed. This is the best way we know to share the joy of the season. Sign up today!



UGLY SWEATER AND SING-A-LONG AT CELEBRATION

The holidays can be extremely stressful, with all the running around, shopping, cooking. Join us on Wednesday, December 20th for our first ever Ugly Sweater & Sing-A-Long! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater. We'll sing, we'll laugh, we'll have a fantastic time. We'll give you a fun and relaxing break from your whirlwind Christmas preparations! Come join us!

Memorial Contributions have been made by Jack Chaney & Tom Long in memory of Anna Wright



Greeting you at the end of our service this morning will be Bonnie Watkins. Bonnie is a longtime member of Celebration and is currently serving as our Board Chair. If you've ever been to one of our events, you've seen the lovely art Bonnie creates and sells to benefit our church.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Have you seen our sanctuary at Christmas time? If you have, you know how beautiful it is.

We decorate our altar with these gorgeous plants. Then in the Christmas Eve bulletin, we provide a beautiful listing our all those remembered or honored along with the name of the person who honors or remembers. That way, our Celebration family can honor and remember those names too. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please write "POINSETTIA" or "FLOWER" in the Redbook as it is passed. We will call you to get the information on your special someone. Payment for your poinsettia (\$10 each) may be made by putting your check in an envelope clearly marked "Poinsettia" and placing it in the collection plate as it is passed. The last day to order is Monday, December 18th, so get your order in!

CREDIT CARD GIVING

Would you like to give automatically by credit card? Simply call the church office at 817-335-3222, and we will help you set it up. By doing this, your offering is always here even when you can't be and it helps your church tremendously!



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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT CELEBRATION

This holiday season is going to be a busy one. We don't want you to miss any of the festive events going on at Celebration! Please mark your calendars for: **Sunday, December 17th: CCC Christmas Cantata** Come celebrate the joy of the season. Service at 11am.

By Sunday, December 17th: Secret Santa Gift Drop-Off Please drop off your presents NO LATER than Sunday, December 17th. We will be delivering your generous gifts soon thereafter!

Wednesday, December 20th: Ugly Sweater & Sing-A-Long

Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Service Come enjoy a truly beautiful service of wonder and joy. Our Candlelight Service is one of the most lovely of the year. There will be two services: one at 9pm and another at 11pm (our midnight service). Bring friends and family and experience the joy of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH!

Can you believe how time flies? Seems like just yesterday, we were mowing lawns and going to the lake. Our choir has worked extremely hard to prepare a memorable experience for you, our congregation. And they'd love it if you would bring friends and family who don't normally attend to hear the fruits of their labors. Come worship with us through beautiful music! Join us on **Sunday, December 17th**, for the wonderful sounds of the Celebration Chancel Choir as they help us usher in Christmas with the sounds of the holidays. Be sure to get here early for the 11 am service so you are sure to get a good seat! This is a great time to invite friends and family to join you! Let the music help you, your family and friends ring in the Christmas Season!



BULLETIN FOLDING MINISTRY

Would you be interested in helping us fold our Sunday bulletins? If so, please write "Folder" in the Redbook as it is passed. Folding is done on Fridays unless there is a holiday weekend. You will be scheduled with someone else unless you have someone you would like to fold with. Sign up today and help us with this wonderful and much needed ministry.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on **Saturday, January 13th** for our 25th Anniversary Party! We will feast, we will dance. We will CELEBRATE! You won't want to miss this spectacular evening!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Di Sharp, Sonya Harp, Lisa Bryson-Licce, Glenda Gardner's sister, Kathy Vialpando & Melissa McClure, Gail Wright and family, friends & family of Cindy Allen

Church Leadership

Rev. Carol West, Pastor

Rick S. Gates, Minister of Music

Kee Sourjohn, Organist
Shoshana Cook, Pianist
Blaine Cook, Drums

Gary Cunningham, Media

Michele Wheeler, Sound Technician

Events of the Week

Wed, 12/06
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sun, 12/10 - Advent II
9:15am Biscuits & Coffee
9:45am Biscuits & Bible Study
11:00am Worship Nursery & Youth Sunday School

Sunday at Celebration



The season of Advent is a season of hope. Something is dawning on the horizon of our lives-can we see it? The very meaning of the season is about something or someone coming. In this Advent season, the church lifts its collective head and squints toward the horizon. We take a long view, turning our gaze toward that which is approaching. On this first Sunday of Advent, our view may be a little cloudy. The horizon is faraway, and although we can see that something is happening, we cannot quite make out what it is.

December 03, 2017 11am

First Sunday of Advent

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