

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 8, 2024

Prelude
Danielle Scott
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Welcome & Announcements
Lindsay Wiles

Call to Worship
Mark Andrist
“Advent Song”

Wise men will travel from countries afar,
Seeking a child they'll follow a star.
They'll give Him gold, they'll give Him myrrh,
They'll give Him frankincense.
He'll give them hope, He'll give them peace,
He'll give them joy and love.

Advent Candle of Peace
Jeff & Kathy Crane

Our homes and our world are under siege with information:
So much information often bearing too little wisdom.
Angry voices compelling hate;
Quiet voices counseling complacency;
Mechanical voices offering “deals”--
Too much information! Too little wisdom!

Confusion surrounds us; Truth gets lost.

We call out in our confusion:

**Where is your Wisdom, O God?
Where is the word that leads to life?**

We remind ourselves of our ancient story:
John, Zechariah's son, out in the desert at the time,
received a message from God.
He went all through the country around the Jordan River
preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of
sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:
“...prepare God's arrival! Make God's road smooth and straight!”

Let us light this second candle of Advent, a candle of Peace.

**In its light, let us think, quietly and peacefully, about what
voices of true life-change and forgiveness are speaking in our
world right now.**

Advent Song

FOOD NEEDS FOR SINGING TREE PERFORMERS

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the kitchen with hopes that people will assist with the food needed to feed our choir members during the two tree performances on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 & 15. Or you may contact Dotty Bradley to see what items she still needs for this event.

HAPPY AGERS/OBC RETIRES

Happy Agers/OBC Retires will meet on Wed., Dec. 18 in the Pine Room to join for a meal at 11:30 AM. The meal (turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, rolls) will be prepared by Ashly Kaye catering at the cost of \$10.

Please contact Sharon Colvin at 540/672-1651, by Thurs., Dec. 12 to make your reservation.

ANGEL TREE

The Christmas gifts need to be **returned** to the church office no later than **Thursday, Dec. 12.**

POINSETTIAS

If anyone wishes to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one please contact the church office, 540/672-2996. Cost is \$12. Deadline is Friday, December 13.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

The Singing Christmas Tree returns this year featuring our Adult and Children's Choirs, Chancel Ringers and instrumentalists. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus in word and song.

Saturday, Dec 14 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 15 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

The Millers invite all to attend an Open House on Sat., Dec. 21 at their home, 18095 Hope Lane, Orange from 2-5 PM.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelope boxes are available in the Commons area for pick up. If you don't see a box, please contact the Church Office to receive a set.

PRAYER LIST

Bereavement

The family of Wilbur Morris
The Bomar Family of
St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Concerns within church family:

Kent Daniel
Faye Coffey
Gene Wagner
Debbie Wiegel
Janet Pendleton
Ken & Betsy Daniel
Sharon Faerber
Robert Morris
Carter Jacobs
Larry Lloyd
Evelyn & Bill Kling
Lovedy Papproth
Betty Coleman
Luther Dofflemoyer
Bertha Krise
Jim Cluff
Bob Reeves
Erline Arthur
Carolyn Tusing
Emma Pugh
Larry Bowles

CBF Field Personnel:

Cindy & Eddy Ruble
Greg & Sue Smith

Missionaries:

The Camp Family

DEACONS

Christina Bowles
Katie Feagans
Doug Frank
Jeff Moubray

Concerns of friends & family:

Janet Muse
Elaine Branham
Kevin Crane
Evelyn Smith
Berta Harris
Debbie Miller
Cali Tolbert
Mike Henderson
John Henry Ryder
Mary Lou Baker
Cindy Burke
Michael Daubert
Danny Patton
Carol Watson
Brooke Wheeler-Downing
Shenna Stoner
Meredith Cook
Barbara Muller
Jane Pratt
Zach McClung
Paul Williams III
Jack Samuels
Ivan Letner
Jimmy Kestner
Darryl & Brenda Hutchinson
Debbie Soudek
Madison Hallum
Somerlyn Frye

Rea Cooper
Amy Fitch
Moose Mallory
Allan Wilson

Let this candle of Advent Peace shine in our hearts all week
 And remind us to enter times of quiet and peace in order to
 listen, through the noise of our lives, for the call to prepare for the
 Holy One.

*Invocation	Alan Miller
*Hymn of Praise 79 "Blest Be the God of Israel"	FOREST GREEN
CBF Offering for Global Missions Togo, West Africa	Karen Alford
Pastoral Prayer	
*Hymn of Faith 93 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"	CAROL
Dedication of Our Gifts	Joan Hager
Anthem "Peace Will Come"	Chancel Choir arr. Danner
*Doxology 253 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen	
Children's Sermon	Ellen Pitera
Gospel Reading Page 890	Luke 3:1-6
Sermon Reviving Isaiah	Alan Miller
*Hymn of Commitment 86 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ST. LOUIS
Receiving of New Members	
*Benediction	
Choral Response "A Nativity Prayer"	Young
*Postlude "Let There Be Glory & Honor & Praises"	Danielle Scott

MINISTERING WITH YOU

Pastor Rev. Alan F. Miller	Minister of Youth Rev. Lindsay Wiles
Accompanist Ms. Danielle Scott	Administrative Assistant Mrs. Melinda Cunningham
Chair of Deacons Mr. L.J. Taylor	Vice Chair of Deacons Mr. Allan Wilson

Unified Budget Receipts \$ 7,099.25
 Attendance - 117
 Contributions may be given online at www.obcva.org

Nursery: Mark & Carolyn Herndon
 12/15 – Charles & Mary Carpenter
 Nursery is available for infants through 3-year olds.

*Please stand if able.
 Hearing assist devices are available in Vestibule.

TODAY: Tree rehearsal at 7 PM.

MONDAY: 11 AM, Kay Culpeper circle will meet at Linda Cluff's home-11316 Crestview Drive, Orange.

TUESDAY: 6PM, Reed's home, 20495 Clarks Mountain Rd, fellowship dinner and marriage study. Contact Jeremy 540-847-7333 or Kat Reed 540-847-4567 for more info.

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 PM – Dress Rehearsal for the Singing Christmas Tree

We hope you were blessed during worship today. If you would like to learn more about our church and ministries visit our website at www.obcva.org.

If you have a prayer need or would like a deacon to reach out to you, please email deacons@obcva.org.

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member, or getting more involved at OBC? Please get in touch with me via the contact information below. I would love to talk about your part in our shared life and mission together!
 – Alan Miller, Pastor

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, 2024