

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

Prelude Danielle Scott
"O Come, Little Children and O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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 Love Patrick amd Marcia Colby

Who listens to the voices of the poor?
Who shares strength with the powerless?
Who surprises with forgiveness, and makes all things new?

Our Hope is fragile as an infant.

We call out in our longing:

**Where is your Power, O God?
Where is the Love that transforms our world?**

We remind ourselves of Mary's ancient song:

Sing out my soul, Sing of the holiness of God
Who has delighted in a woman, Lifted up the poor,
Satisfied the hungry, Given voice to the silent
Grounded the oppressor Blessed the full-bellied with emptiness
And with the gift of tears those who have never wept
Who has desired the darkness of the womb
and inhabited our flesh Sing of the longing of God,
Sing out, my soul!

Let us light this fourth candle of Advent, a candle of Love.
In its light, let us think about our world,
about wherever our God is longing to be born
in peace, in joy, in freedom and in wholeness.

Advent Song

Let this candle of Advent Love shine in our hearts all week
and remind us to be midwives to Christ's birth
in our work for justice, our practice of peace,
our offering of forgiveness.

POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias are given:

In loving memory of Madeline Reeves by her family;
In loving memory of Sidney R. Pace by his family;
In loving memory of Althea Pace by her family;
In loving memory of Wilmer Rogers by his family;
In loving memory of Carlton & Carrie Webb by her family.

Thank you from Missions Team:

We would like to thank everyone at OBC for their generous giving this holiday season. With your help bringing food and monies, we were able to provide 27 families at Thanksgiving with a delicious Turkey and all the fixings. Including desserts and bread. This Christmas you helped support 21 Seniors/Disabled individuals with needs, fruit basket and a cooked meal. The Blessings our church bestows upon so many are all due to each and every one of you!!!

OBC Missions Team send our love and thanks !!❤️

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us on Dec. 24 at 5:30 pm for a service of Lessons and Carols featuring readers of all ages and music from our choir.

DEACONS

Christina Bowles
Katie Feagans
Doug Frank
Jeff Moubray

Rea Cooper
Amy Fitch
Moose Mallory
Allan Wilson

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. Last day to accept 2024 is Friday, Jan. 3, 2025.

PRAYER LIST

Concerns within church family:

Darlene O'Connor
Ken & Betsy Daniel
Melanie Shifflett
Kent Daniel
Faye Coffey
Gene Wagner
Debbie Wiegel
Janet Pendleton
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

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
Robert W. Braxton

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise 89
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Faith 208
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

Dedication of Our Gifts Craig Jacobs

Anthem Chancel Choir
"Creation Will Be At Peace" Page

*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 Mary Beth Miller

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-55
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Sermon Alan Miller
 Mother's Morning Out

*Hymn of Commitment 100
"Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Receiving of New Members

*Benediction

Choral Response Kirkpatrick
"Away in a Manger"

*Postlude Danielle Scott
"Manger Medley" Bober

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 \$ 5,495.00
 Attendance -
 Contributions may be given online at www.obcva.org

Nursery: Ashley Jacobs and Barry Jacobs
 Dec. 29 – Amy Fitch and Emily Fitch
 Nursery is available for infants through 3-year olds.

TUESDAY: Christmas Eve service, 5:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: Dec. 25-26, Church Office is closed for Holiday.

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 22, 2024