

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**11:00**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAISES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our church and our community. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Prelude**

**Choir**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**\* HYMN**

*Lift Up Your Heads*

**No. 213**

**\* READING**

**Luke 1:68-79**

**No. 208**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but

deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**DOXOLOGY** **No. 95**

**ANTHEM** **Choir**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

\* **HYMN** *Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming* **No. 216**

**OT LESSON** **Malachi 3:1-4** **Page 778**

**THE MESSAGE** **"Refining Love"** *Rev. Josh Britton*

\* **HYMN** *Angels From the Realms of Glory* **No. 220**

*The chancel rail is always open for prayer or for persons wishing to respond to God's grace.*

**BENEDICTION AND THE LIGHT LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

**THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO WITNESS AND SERVE GOD!**

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Pastor:** Garrett Collins  
**Pianist:** Janice Sizemore  
**Choir Director:** Cheryl Knight  
**Ushers:** Paul Tamer and William Boles  
**Offering Counters:** Cyndi Moore and Pam Boles

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### **Prayer List**

**Members:** Joe Beasley, Megan Brown, J.L. Duggins, Tilda Duggins, Gail Hawkins, Lib Hill, Mike Jones, Julie Sauvageau, Calvin Sizemore, Nathan Smith

**Others:** Gary Allen, Arlene Austin, Sally Bullins, Bobby Fulk family, Kathy Grantham, Billy Helsabeck family, Sue T. Hicks, Bart Kaiser, Don Lewis, Ricky Mabe, Don McCarson, Marie McHone, Jonathan Nichols, Patricia Richardson, Melinda Ring, Sue Shoaf, Roxie Smith, Wayne Stephens, Teresa Tyndall, and all our U.S. Troop Members and First Responders in harm's way.

### **Birthdays**

Jeanette Slate (10), Mattie Smith (11), Renee Himmelspach (14)

### **Anniversaries**

Glenn and Jinx Shelton (10)

### **Church Calendar**

Wednesday, Dec 12, Stokesburg 5:00 Charge Prayer Service  
Wednesday, Dec 12, 7:00 pm Choir Practice

### **Announcements**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Josh Britton will be preaching. All kids sent to Camp Mt. Shepherd this summer will be invited to attend.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Chicken Pie production.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** UMW Christmas meeting at Amy Embree's house

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Golden Boys and Girls annual celebration 11:00 am in fellowship hall. Josh Gardner will be joining to play Christmas music.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>:** ESOM Gospel Sing, 7-9 at London Elementary. Admittance cost a non-perishable food item.

**December 19:** Christmas Caroling

**December 19-20:** Directory portraits will be taken in the fellowship hall. Time slots available 2-9 pm. Book now online or on paper in the narthex.

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Christmas Program and singing during the 11:00 service. More details soon!

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve Service, 5:00pm at Stokesburg UMC.

**Giving Tree:** This week, Palmyra will have our second annual "Giving Tree" in the sanctuary. Grab an ornament with a child's age/gender and get them the toy that is required. Given to needy children in the community.