Welcome to **Tifton First**

United Methodist Church Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent Opening Worship

Joy

Joy To The World, Our God Saves O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Announcements & Greeting
Prayer Concerns & Offering
Message

Closing Song

God With Us

Closing Blessing



Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to:

Mary Beth Hinshaw & family in the death of her husband, Dick Hinshaw.

Mary Guill in the death of her brother, John Allen Lanier.

Join the Church

At Tifton First United Methodist Church, we invite you to join our church at any of our services. You may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member, contact Rev. Chip Grantham (706) 570-3330 or seniorpastor@tiftonfumc.org. | Rev. Trevor Ward (478) 607-9003 or associatepastor@tiftonfumc.org. We gladly welcome you to our church family!

Prayer Requests

<u>Members</u>: Michelle Hunt, Diane Patrick, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, Jackie Martin, Judy Cole, William Byrd, Ron Evans, Sheila Carson, Martha Barrineau.

Long-Term Prayer: Charlie Griffin, Roger Hobgood (Lavonia's son), Christine Kennedy.

Shut-In: Mary Nola McCrea

Maple Court: Eleanor Giles, Jack & Ann Stone, David Sone,

Christine Hannon.

Legacy Village: Roy Walker, Harry Barrineau.

Cypress Pond: Hoyt & Becky Vance

THE OAKS AT SUWANEE CREEK: Jane Blasingame.
FRIENDS & FAMILY: Martha Fleming Holloway (Christie Vance's cousin), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's neice), Gloria Manning (Marie Gann's friend), Gene Botsford (Dale Pflug's friend), Lisa Ashcraft (Jill Roberts' sister), Drama Norton (Jo Windom's mother), Ginny Flowers (Jackie Martin's daughter), Cade Johnson (Gibbs & Diane Patrick's nephew), Joel Ethridge (J. Michael & Teresa Moore's son-in-law & Virginia Hatcher's nephew), Reece Watson (Jerri Davis' grandson), Nicholas Horne, Tommy Smallwood (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), Amy Meeks (Carolyn Kightlinger's friend), Elena Kang (Carolyn Kightlinger's great niece), PLEASE REMEMBER to call the church office with an update on those you've placed on the prayer list OR if you are admitted to the hospital so we are aware of your hospitalization and to keep our prayer list accurate.

Our Church Staff

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 17, 2023 Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

Third Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Kendra Gannaway

Chiming the Hour

Becky Rogers

Welcome & Announcements

(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)

*Hymn

#234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Affirmation of Faith

*Gloria Patri (#70)

*Greeting Time

"The Family of God"

Lighting of the Advent Candle (9:00) Rosemary, Jay & Gayle Short (11:00) Bobby & Tammy Jones

Morning Prayer / Lord's Prayer

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 who 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.

*Hymn

#239 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Offertory

Becky Rogers

*Doxology #95

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem (11:00)

"Prince of Peace"

Chancel Choir

solo. Lee Mathews

Scripture

Sermon

Rev. Chip Grantham

*Hymn

#220 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

*Benediction
*Postlude

Rev. Chip Grantham
Becky Rogers

Please stand as able



The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Helen J. Patrick by Gibbs & Diane Patrick & family.

On the Sunday you place flowers in the church, you can take them after the worship service or let Debbie know if you would like to donate them to our shut-ins.

Ways to Give

Text to Give

TFUMC Give \$(any dollar amount) to 73256 Messages and Data rates may apply. For example, a \$50 gift would look like this: TFUMC Give \$50

Give Online at:

www.tiftonfirst.org/give

Mail a check to:

Tifton First United Methodist Church 107 12th Street W Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, December 17

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

6:00pm Chancel Choir Christmas Program / Sanctuary

Monday, December 18

6:00pm Church Council Meeting / Searchers

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

12:30pm Red Cross Bloodmobile / SH

Wednesday, December 20

12:15pm NO Midweek Communion Service / Chapel NO Wednesday Night Supper, Children's Activities, Children's Choir or Youth Activities until January 10th.

Thursday, December 21

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

7:00pm Longest Night of the Year Service / Chapel

Sanctuary Servant for December: Linda Tuten

Monthly Activities

Club 55 - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.

Senior Adult Movie - 2nd Thurs. at 2:00pm in the SH.

Circle 7 - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.

Senior Adult Lunch & BINGO - 3rd Thurs. at 11:30am in the SH.

Circle 2 - 3rd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.

Red Cross Bloodmobile - 3rd Tues. from 12:30pm-5:30pm in the SH.

Caregiver Support Group - 4th Mon. at 2:00pm in the Parlor.

Alzheimer Support Group - 4th Tues. at 10:00am Leroy Rogers Center.

The Longest Night of the Year

I wanted to remind you that we're doing something different this year. On Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, we're going to have a special Christmas service in the chapel for people who may not feel like celebrating Christmas in the usual way. Maybe they've lost someone, maybe they've gotten a diagnosis, maybe they're just struggling with some things and don't particularly feel very jolly.

I had never heard of a Blue Christmas service until last year. But at a pastors' meeting, I heard several sharing about how they had just had one and it had meant a lot to the small group that had shown up. Having seen Elvis in concert twice, I couldn't hear "Blue Christmas" and not think about him. That certainly isn't the King we're celebrating.

There are times when we celebrate God's love, but we aren't happy. And if we're honest, we may not be joyous. But we still know that He loves us, and He showed us that forever with the Gift He shared with us that first Christmas.

Join Pat and I here on December 21st, at 7 pm, in the chapel. We're going to celebrate the Light that came into a dark world. And we're going to pray that that light shines in our dark places.

In Christ, Chip

NO Wednesday Night Supper on December 20 or December 27! Merry Christmas!

Now hiring a nursery attendant for Sunday mornings from 8:45am-12:15pm, must be 18+ years old.

Please send resumes to childrendirector@tiftonfumc.org