# Welcome to **Tifton First**

United Methodist Church Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

**Announcements & Greeting** 

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Lynseay & Charlie Katherine Mullis

**Opening Worship** 

King of Kings

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**Prayer Concerns & Offering** 

Message

**Closing Song** 

God With Us

**Closing Blessing** 

#### CHRISTMAS PROJECT FOR WESLEY GLEN

Methodist Women, Circle #2 will be preparing Christmas gifts for the Wesley Glen residents. Wesley Glen serves adults with developmental disabilities and their families. If you or your Sunday School class are willing to make a financial donation for this project, please make your check payable to "Methodist Women" and mark it for "Wesley Glen Christmas Project" and drop off at the church office.

#### Join the Church

At Tifton First 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 church

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>: Steve Pearman, Phillip Dominy, Michelle Hunt, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, Jackie Martin, William Byrd, Ron Evans, Sheila Carson.

**<u>Long-Term Prayer</u>**: Charlie Griffin, Roger Hobgood (Lavonia's

son), Christine Kennedy.
Shut-In: Mary Nola McCrea

Maple Court: Eleanor Giles, David Sone, Christine Hannon,

Holly Hall, Dale & Sunny Pflug

**<u>Legacy Village</u>**: Roy Walker, Jack & Ann Stone, Hal Henderson

**Cypress Pond**: Hoyt & Becky Vance

THE OAKS AT SUWANEE CREEK: Jane Blasingame.

FRIENDS & FAMILY: David Payne (Jimmy Carson's cousin), Tripp Burgess (Mona Mathews' friend), Ryan Kinnard (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), Leslie Flappy (Sheila Carson's daughter, Floyd Shoup (Tom Shoup's uncle), Barbara Kimble (Tom Shoup's aunt), Tricia Henderson (Dale Pflug's friend), Gena Green (Tammy Dean's cousin), Maria Lane Wells, Evelyn Connell (Donnie and Linda Connell's granddaughter), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's niece), 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).

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER</u> to call the church office with an update on those you've placed on the prayer list **OR** if you are admitted to the

#### **Our Church Staff**

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# TIFTON FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



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#### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 1, 2024 Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

#### First Sunday in Advent

**Prelude** Gina Lawhon

Chiming the Hour Becky Rogers

Welcome & Announcements

 $(Please \ fill \ out \ attendance \ Pew \ Pads)$ 

\*Hymn #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*Affirmation of Faith

\*Gloria Patri (#70)

\*Greeting Time "The Family of God"

Lighting of the Advent Candle (9:00) (11:00)

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** (11:00) #204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Offertory (9:00) Becky Rogers (11:00) "Somewhere in Your Silent Night" Chancel Choir solos, Georgia Mills & Lee Matthews

\*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."

Scripture

**Sermon** Rev. Chip Grantham

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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\*Hymn #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\*Benediction Rev. Chip Grantham

\*Postlude Becky Rogers

Please stand as able



The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of Bill Vance by his 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

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

#### Give Online at:

www.tiftonfirst.org/give

#### Mail a check to:

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

#### Sunday, December 1

9:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship / SH 11:00am Traditional Worship / Sanctuary 5:00pm NO Youth Worship / AC

Monday, December 2

5:45pm Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room

#### Tuesday, December 3

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

11:30am NO Club 55 Luncheon in December

5:00pm Trustees Meeting / Parlor

#### Wednesday, December 4

12:15pm Midweek Communion Service / Chapel 4:00pm Children's Caroling (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC Children will go caroling to local nursing homes from 4:00pm

-5:00pm. Drop off any time between 3:15-3:45 at the AC.

5:15pm Wednesday Night Supper / SH 6:00pm Wednesday Connection Classes

6:00pm Children's Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / CB

6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC 6:00pm Bible Study with Chip / Chapel

6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

#### Thursday, December 5

7:10am Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus

8:30am Fitness Class / AC

### Saturday, December 7 Christmas Parade

5:00pm Downtown Tifton

Sanctuary Servant for December: Vicki Walker

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

## **Monthly Activities**

Club 55 - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH. (Does Not meet in December)

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

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

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

Red Cross Bloodmobile - 3rd Tues. from 12:30pm-5:30pm in the SH. Alzheimer Support Group - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am Leroy Rogers Center.

The First Sunday of Advent

One of the things that I have come to appreciate in the Methodist Church is the liturgical calendar. I understand that it goes back to a time when the determining factors around what time of the year it was were not based on sporting events. We can usually tell what time of year it is, or the season, by the paraments adorning the alter table. I admit that sometimes I feel lost when I go into worship spaces without an altar table and paraments.

As you came in today, the church looked very different than it did last week – decorated with all of the trimmings for Advent and Christmas. Just like the trees and garland, the paraments help to let us know what season it is, as we celebrate throughout the liturgical year.

Unlike our traditional calendar, today marks the first Sunday of the liturgical year (the Church calendar). Beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, it makes its way through Christmas, Epiphany, on to Ash Wednesday and Lent, then Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, All Saints – all the way to Christ the King Sunday. That's not a complete listing – but we have definite seasons, and the paraments remind us of where we are and of those special days.

There was obviously a lot of work that went into decorating our campus for this season. I want to say thank you to all of those who helped. As we enter this time of the year, I pray you are all able to enjoy the season and find His comfort in it.

In Christ,



Wednesday Night Supper 5:15pm in the Social Hall Menu for December 4th:

Fried Chicken Tenders, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Squash Casserole, Congealed Salad, Rolls & Desserts