

Welcome to  
**Tifton First**  
Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship Service • 11:00am  
December 7, 2025

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**Announcements & Greeting**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*Fletcher Sheffield and Alla Hurt*

**Opening Worship**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Noel*

**Prayer Concerns & Offering**

**Children's Moment**

**Message**

**Closing Song**

*Holy Forever (Christmas)*

**Closing Blessing**



**Christian Love and Sympathy  
is extended to:**

The family of David Sone.

**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:  
(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@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:seniorpastor@tiftonfirst.org). | Rev. Trevor Ward (478) 607-9003 or [associatepastor@tiftonfirst.org](mailto:associatepastor@tiftonfirst.org).  
We gladly welcome you to our church family!

**Prayer Requests**

**Members:** Lea Harvin, Lamar Martin, Steve Pearman, Michelle Hunt, Dale & Sunny Pflug & family, William Byrd, Ron Evans, Sheila Carson.

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

**Shut-In:** Mary Nola McCrea

**Maple Court:** Eleanor Giles, Christine Hannon, Holly Hall, Dale & Sunny Pflug, Maureen Cook, Pat Mark

**Legacy Village:** Roy Walker, Jack & Ann Stone

**Cypress Pond:** Hoyt & Becky Vance, Vikki Vance, Faith Williamson

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Rebecca Ray (Carolyn Kightlinger's niece), Biddie Vance (Christie Vance's daughter), Dr. Thomas Shepherd (Caylor & Turner Orr's friend), (Steve Cadwell (Steve & Rhonda Pearman's friend), Dennis Bloodworth (Vicky Orr's friend), David Payne (Jimmy Carson's cousin), Tripp Burgess (Mona Mathews' friend), Ryan Kinnard (Dale and Sunny Pflug's friend), Floyd Shoup (Tom Shoup's uncle), Tricia Henderson (Dale & Sunny Pflug's friend), Gena Green (Tammy Dean's cousin), Evelyn Connell (Donnie and Linda Connell's granddaughter), Wendy Collins (Ann Taylor's niece), Cade Johnson (Gibbs & Diane Patrick's nephew), Reece Watson (Jerri Davis' grandson), Nicholas Horne, Amy Meeks (Carolyn Kightlinger's friend), Elena LaFave (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.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 7, 2025  
Sanctuary • 9:00am & 11:00am

Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude	Becky Rogers
Chiming the Hour	Becky Rogers
Welcome & Announcements	
(Please fill out attendance Pew Pads)	
*Hymn	MH #238 “Angels We Have Heard on High”
*Affirmation of Faith	
*Gloria Patri (#70)	
*Greeting Time	“The Family of God”
Lighting of the Advent Candle (9:00)	Richard & Jennifer Baldree, Keith Webb & Hannah Bryson (11:00) Richard & Tammy Holton
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)	MH #219 “What Child Is This?”
Offertory	Terri Branch
*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	
Scripture	
Sermon	Rev. Chip Grantham
*Hymn	MH #229 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
*Benediction	Rev. Chip Grantham
*Postlude	Becky Rogers
Please stand as able	



The flowers are placed on the altar in loving memory of  
Dick Hinshaw by Mary Beth Hinshaw, Cambria, Daniel & Ella Dix.

Ways to Give

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107 12th Street W
Tifton, GA 31794

Sunday, December 7 (Second Sunday in Advent)

9:00am	Traditional Worship / Sanctuary
9:45am	Sunday School
11:00am	Contemporary Worship / SH
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5:00pm	Youth Worship / AC

Monday, December 8

5:45pm	Wesley Ringers Rehearsal / Bell Room
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Tuesday, December 9

8:30am	Fitness Class / AC
10:00am	Circle 7 / Parlor

Wednesday, December 10

12:15pm	Midweek Communion Service / Chapel
3:30pm	Children’s Choir Goes Christmas Caroling
4:15pm	Children’s Activities (Pre-K-5th Grade) / AC
	Birthday Party for Jesus
5:15pm	Wednesday Night Supper / SH
6:15pm	Youth Activities & Bible Study / AC
6:15pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Thursday, December 11

7:10am	Youth Prayer Breakfast & Jesus / AC
8:30am	Fitness Class / AC

Saturday, December 13

9:00am	Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal / CR
9:00am	Youth Christmas Party
	(Leave from AC at 9am and return at 5pm)

Sanctuary Servant for December: Judy Ross

Monthly Activities

Club 55 - 1st Tues. at 11:30am in the SH.  
Circle 7 - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.  
Circle 2 - 3rd Tues. at 10:00am in the Parlor.  
Senior Lunch & BINGO - 3rd Thurs. at 11:30am in the SH.  
Red Cross Bloodmobile - 3rd Tues. from 12:30pm-5:30pm in the SH.  
Alzheimer Support Group - 2nd Tues. at 10:00am Leroy Rogers Center.

Wonderful Blessings

We’ve had some wonderful blessings in the life of the church during the last few weeks. We’ve enjoyed the hard work of those who put up all of the Christmas decorations. We’ve come together with other churches in the community to celebrate Thanksgiving. We’ve enjoyed our Children’s Christmas musical. Soon we’ll see the fruit of the hard work of those who helped create the church’s float for the Christmas parade. This week our children will be caroling at some of the community’s care facilities, and next Sunday, we will get to experience the Christmas Cantata.

In addition to all of that, we’ve had folks who have prepared meals for our families who’ve lost loved ones, and volunteered to lead us in our Advent moments. And others who have helped buy gifts for the children of the Methodist Children’s Home, and helped out in so many other ways during this special season in the life of the church.

The thing is, none of that happens without our volunteers. We are so blessed to have so many people, of all ages, who give of their time, not only during this time of the year – but all year long, who help this church continue in its many ministries. I want to say “Thank you!” to all of you!

In Christ,  
Chip



Wednesday Night Supper  
5:15pm in the Social Hall  
Menu for December 10th:

Grilled Smoked Pork Chops, Baked Potatoes &  
Sweet Potatoes, Corn Casserole, Tossed Salad,  
Red Lobster Biscuits & Desserts

Note: Please call church office for TO GO plates