



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY of a new Church Year, and the beginning of the four week Advent Season. Worship in Advent takes on a different, more reflective tone in music, prayers, confessions, etc. – as the Church waits and watches for the coming of the Christ Child.

Advent wreaths began in Lutheran Churches in Germany to mark the weeks before the coming of Christmas. **Blue** is the color of Hope and the color associated with the Virgin Mary, and so is used during the four weeks of Advent...and not at any other time in the Church Year.

Our Gospel reading for this year will primarily be from St. Mark – the earliest and shortest Gospel. St. Mark has a breathless, rapid quality about it – Mark's favorite word is "Immediately..." a word which links together all the many activities of Jesus, as Our Lord heads to the Cross and His moment of Glory, Grace, and Reconciliation. We're glad you're with us in Advent Worship as we read, pray, study, and prepare.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday 12/03

- 7:15 am Men's Breakfast
- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:30 am Refreshments in The Commons
- 9:45 am Joe Gribble Sunday School Class
- 9:45 am Christmas Program Music
- 9:45 am Chancel Choir
- 10:00 am Congregational Meeting
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday 12/06

- 6:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 12/07

- 5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

Friday 12/08

- 5:30 - 9:00 pm Parents' Night Out
- 5:30 pm - (Sat) 9:00 am Youth Lock-In

Saturday 12/09

- 10:00 am Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

Sunday 12/10

- 8:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Joe Gribble Sunday School Class
- 9:45 am Christmas Program Music
- 10:00 am Faith Formation / Young Adult SS
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:15 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 2:30 pm Confirmation
- 6:00 pm Christmas Cantata

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



The youth and families of Kimball invite you to our Christmas Program on Sunday December 17th at 10:00 am. Thanks to Darla Steinert who is working with our children. We hope you can join us!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, December 10th at 6:00 PM, for a special Christmas Cantata at Kimball Memorial entitled, "Emmanuel, God With Us". This wonderful performance will feature the choirs of Kimball Memorial and First Presbyterian churches, along with guests from the Piedmont Choral Society. Watch for more information in the December Newsletter, and do plan to join us.

J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The J.O.Y. luncheon is in The Commons at 11:30 am on December 13th. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex and Commons for your use this morning – please join us!

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

All names will remain on the prayer list for only 2 weeks, unless resubmitted.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson
Jerry Beam
Becky Brantley
Brad Brothers
Sharon and Doug Brothers
Brenda Brown
Mabel Brown
Buttner Family
Florence Calandra
Jean Davis
Mary Dorton
Lisa and Eddie Dunlow
Teresa Erwin
Caleb Falls
Ava Farris
Shelly Farris
Judy Ferguson
Liz Fisher
Fran and Keith Garver
Todd Haley
Judi and Bob Hill
Teresa Erwin
Tim and Huyla Jackson
David and Diana Keck, Sr.
Eric and Jenny Jones
Steve Lynch
Ed MacTaggart
Dianne Marlin
Margaret McCombs
Taylor and Kaylee Murph
Hunter and Holden Patterson
John Patterson
Marty and Perriann Payne
John Pendleton
Louise Propst
Andy, Lisa, Grace, and Blake
Robinson
Joe Saullo
Juanene Savage
Kathy and Cliff Scott
Betty Shaver
Roger Sizemore
Conrad Sloop
Earlene Snipes
Mary Jo Snipes
Gaye St. John
Sarah Teumer
Randy Triage
John Troutman

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Abernathy Family
Dana Absher
Fay Absher
AC and his Girlfriend
Teresa Beaver
Hans and John Bengston
DeBerry and Judy Blackwelder
Dennis Blackwelder
MaryAnn and Tim Brinker
Nate Brinker
Tommy Brown
Family of Jacob Cole
Tim Cox
Todd Craven
Mike Davis
Duplisea Family
Gene Ellington
Will Fesperman
Rev. Michael Frye
Brandt Goodnight
John and Becky Graham
Tommy Graves
Martha Gregory
Jeff Hearn
Kay Hurst
Jennings Family
Theresa and Joe Judge
Joanne Kellerman
Phyllis Lee
Charles Lent
Suzanne Lent
Liz, Pat, Megan, Kendall
Mable
Pam North
Paul Parker
Denise Pegram
Billy Pressley
Quinn Family
Lora Rector
Gary Ritchie
Robbie
Gerri Ruane
Schiferl Family
Allen / Travis Scott
Jerry Sellers
Brenda / Deanna Shue
Janet Stancil
Gary Stuart
Natale Valdez
Brenda Watts
Buck and Judy Wingler
Joann and Albert Wingler
Barbara Wise

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busted, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Dustin Gatz (Serbia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Keith Lee (NC)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Mike Peterson (Virginia)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

PRAYERS-SPECIAL NEEDS

If you know of a member of the congregation who is hospitalized, sick, or has special needs, contact:
Church Office @ 704-933-4101
Pastor John Futterer @ 704-699-2547
Deacon Liz Fisher @ 704-713-1758.

HOSPITALIZED

Judi Hill - Hospice Care at home

GIFT CARDS

Gift Cards are needed for Samaritan's Table to hand out during the Christmas Season. Preferably grocery store or fast food in the amount of \$10. You may bring these gift cards by the Church Office during regular business hours, or give them to an usher at a Sunday morning worship service.

COMMITMENT CARDS

If you have not turned in your 2024 Commitment Cards, please do so as soon as possible. They are available from our ushers and can be placed in the offering plates, or you may bring them by or mail them to the Church Office. We would like all our cards to be returned by December 17th. Thank you!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 3, 2023

LECTORS

8:30 am Scott Harmon

11:00 am Bob Boynton

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Jodie Hott

11:00 am Pallas Alexander

ACOLYTES

8:30 am Riley Dodson

11:00 am Rory and Lucas Hesley

COUNCIL ASSISTANTS

8:30 am Paula Brandle / Karen Whitley

11:00 am Bob Boynton / Terry Steinert

COMMUNION PREPARERS

8:30 am David and Judy Sloan

11:00 am Needed

HEALING PRAYER MINISTERS

8:30 am Peggy Lynch

11:00 am Joyce Mallernee

GREETERS

8:30 am Keith Garver

11:00 am Milton, Sherri, and Gracie Matheny

PROJECTION/SOUND

8:30 am Tim Patterson / Nathan Carpenter

11:00 am Gavin Carpenter / Terry Steinert

TELLERS

Bob Boynton / Betsy Ellington-Boynton

REGISTER OF
ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

November 26, 2023

Attendance 129

GENERAL
FUND \$ 9,347.00

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED during the Month of December. If you are interested in membership at Kimball Memorial, please speak to Pastor John. Thank you!

TIME AND TALENT SHEETS will be in the Bulletin during the month of December. Please prayerfully consider when and how you might share your talents and abilities with the church in the coming year. Thank you!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

After faithfully and beautifully serving our congregation since 2015, our Director of Music, Don Simmons, will be retiring on Sunday, December 31st. We'll enjoy a reception together following our one worship service on that date, as we wish Don and his wife, Kay Godspeed and Farewell as he begins his retirement. Please join us for this reception in the Commons as we thank Don for sharing his gifts and talents with us for these past nine years!

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

Kimball provides a number of different options for our congregation to electronically present their offerings to the church.



BILL PAY – Most banks today offer a bill payment service with recurring feature. Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball. The frequency of the check issuance and the amount of the check is determined by the individual and is easily changed.

TITHE.LY (through kimballchurch.org) – By going to our church website, individuals can present offerings through an electronic service provided by Tithe.ly. The offerings can be set up as a one-time event or as recurring. There is a charge for this service and the individual has the option of paying the charge, or the amount will be deducted from the offering when sent to Kimball. Electronic offerings set up by our previous provider, Vanco, will remain in place and the change to Tithe.ly will have no impact on these items. If you would like any more information about any of these options, or assistance in getting one of the options set up, please contact any member of the finance team, or the church office.

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

ITEMS WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF:

- Rice Krispie Treats / Little Debbie Snacks
- Canned Chicken
- Any kind of Chips
- Travel sized packs of Tissues
- Deodorant
- Combs/Brushes

RUNNING LOW:

- Diapers
- Canned Beans (Kidney, Black Beans, etc.)
- Plain Crackers / Saltines

WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF:

- Capri Sun
- Granola / Nutra-Grain Bars
- Pudding
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste

Thanks!

Kara Hardister / Kathy Hunter

Please place your items in the old Joe Gribble Sunday School Classroom on the first floor of the educational



FOOD PANTRY CRITICAL NEEDS

- Canned chicken
- Macaroni & cheese, pasta (other than spaghetti), pasta sauce, rice
- Canned corn, peas, carrots, potatoes, diced tomatoes, and mixed vegetables
- Peanut butter and soup
- Any kind of canned beans (baked, chili, kidney, etc.)
- Any canned fruit (mixed, pears, pineapple, etc.)
- Shelf-stable milk
- Diapers

As always, they especially seek low sodium, no sugar-added, and whole grain items.

Currently, they have plenty of: tuna and spaghetti.

Please place your items in the containers on the ramp. Thank you!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

We will host a Parents' Night Out on Friday, December 8th 5:30 - 9:00 pm for our Kingdom Kids, 3-5th grade groups and our Preschool students. Everyone is invited to come. We will have dinner and lots of fun things to do: Christmas crafts, games, and a service project. We hope you can join us. The cost is \$20 per child with \$10 for each additional child. Please let Deacon Liz know if you have questions.

HS/MS LOCK-IN

We will have a Middle School / High School lock-in on Friday, December 8th from 5:30 pm-9:00 am. We will be hosting Parents' Night Out from 5:30 - 9:00 pm, then our lock-in will start right afterwards. Please bring a sleeping bag, a flashlight and as always; friends are welcome.

KIMBALL STAFF

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Keith Sutton, Parish Administrator
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(Chancel Choir / Handbells) and Accompanist
musicdon2@yahoo.com

Rev. Dr. David Keck, Pastor Emeritus
Mabel Brown, Parish Worker Emerita