

Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Living and Loving like Christ

Traditional Order of Worship

8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour (11am)		
Prelude (8am) / Processional (11am)		
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus ”		
with “Mozart’s Piano Sonata in A major, K. 331”		
W. A. Mozart, Rowland H. Prichard , arr. Raluca Bojor		
Bringing in the Light		
Greeting and Announcements		
Mission Moment	The Compassionate Friends	Lanita Monroe
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
Hymn	“ Once in Royal David’s City ”	UMH 250
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
Gloria Patri		UMH 71
Congregational Care		
Offertory Hymn	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ”	UMH 626
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory (8am)	“Adore”	Graham Kendrick & Martin Chalk
Choral Anthem (11am)	“Adore”	
	Graham Kendrick & Martin Chalk; arr. David T. Clydesdale	
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-5; John 1:1-14	
Sermon		Lanita Monroe
Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Holy Communion(8am)	“As With Gladness” / ”Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence“	
	arr. Christine Sullivan Robbins	
Time of Meditation (11am)		
	“ Lo, How a Rose”	
	with “To a Wild Rose”	arr. Jonathan Lee
Hymn	“ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ”	UMH 211
Benediction		
Choral Benediction (11am)	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel ”	Bob McGee
Taking the Light into the World		
Music for Going Forth (8am)	“Soon and Very Soon ”	Andraé Crouch
Music for Going Forth (11am)	“Rejoice!”	German Melody; arr. Jay Rouse

Traditional Worship Today

8:00am: Sylvia Schneider, pianist

11:00am: Lesley Morrison & Sylvia Schneider, pianists

Opportunities/Announcements—Week of December 1

Thank you to everyone who packed one or more of the 311 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes collected this year. Thanks also to those who donated items for the shoeboxes, helped check the shoeboxes, and/or transported them to the collection center in Crossville.

If you took a **Christmas Star Angel** on Sunday, November 24, and didn’t fill out the angel stapled to the back and give it to the UWF attendant, please fill out the second angel and bring it in to the church. They need to be able to track all the angels that are taken.

Poinsettias will be a part of our Christmas décor again this year. You can donate \$15.00 per plant to the Hurricane Recovery Fund in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of. Order forms are available in the Narthex and on the table across from the Church Office. Attach your payment to your order form, then put in the manilla envelope (provided). Deadline to order is Sunday, December 1. Plants can be picked up after worship service on Christmas Eve or Sunday, December 29.

Mitten Tree: Help us decorate with your gifts of new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for local children. The Mitten Tree will be in the Narthex until Sunday, December 8.

Handel’s *Messiah* will be presented in our Sanctuary this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to begin the Advent season. Hope you plan to attend!

Join the **Cumberland County Community Chorus** to celebrate Christmas. Treat yourself to a time of enchantment at one of their three free concerts, designed to unite and inspire our community. The concerts will be held in our Sanctuary on Friday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m.

The Compassionate Friends will be holding their Worldwide Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary. This service will unite family and friends around the globe as candles are lit for one hour to commemorate and honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon but are not forgotten. As candles are lit at 7:00 p.m. local time, hundreds of thousands of persons commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Saferite at 931-287-0042.

United Women in Faith warmly invite all the women of the church to the Annual Potluck Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 11. They will begin to gather at 9:15 a.m. This festive gathering will feature special entertainment by the Plateau Pluckers, a delightful group of ukulele players. Sign-up has started and is on the table in the Narthex. Please let them know what you will be bringing. If you are 85 or older and want to come—you don’t have to bring anything to share if that would be a hardship. For more information, please call Karen Saunders at 401-603-8454.

Christmas Cantata: On Sunday, December 15, our choir will present a lovely, interactive selection of lessons and carols during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, accompanied by a string quartet. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors for this special advent celebration.

Children’s Christmas Parties committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the first grade Christmas parties at Pine View (Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m.) and/or Crab Orchard (Thursday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.) Elementary Schools. If you can help, please contact Donna Huber at 817-991-7118.

Bible Study Tech will begin a new seven-week study, *Jesus and Women* by Kristi McLelland, on Monday, January 6, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in our fellowship wing. If you are interested in attending, you may sign up across from the Church Office. You may also call Mim Buysse (505-699-8547) to pre-register or email Denise Knebel at dknebel22@gmail.com. Please include your email, phone number and address. The books will be ordered soon and delivered in early January. No payment is necessary until January.

Annual Meeting: Trustees will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2025 in Room 3. Immediately following that meeting, at approximately 3:45 p.m., the Board of Directors of the Incorporated Fairfield Glade United Methodist Church will hold their annual meeting, pursuant to the Corporation By-laws. The meeting is open to the membership of the FFGUMC.

Pastors and Staff Christmas Gift

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee has announced the opportunity for the congregation to recognize our pastors and staff with a special gift at Christmas. If you wish to take part in this recognition, please mark your check or envelope “Staff Christmas Gift,” and have it to the church office no later than noon on Friday, December 20.

Congregational Care

Dominion Senior Living: Marilyn Orr

Good Samaritan Society: Elizabeth Bonner, Hazel Eggers (hospice care), Warren McAlvey, Bob Roberts, Kathie Sampson, Helen Seabrook, Dennis Shaw, Gary Storer

Holiday Lake Shore Commons, Wilmington, NC: JoAnn Mintz

Life Care Center of Crossville: Pam Sorrell

Morning Pointe of Lenoir City: Joy Morrison

NHC Place at Cool Springs, Franklin, TN: Tom Smith

Uplands Village: Mary Nell Benson, Audrey Goodin, Wilma Roth

Nursing Facility, Pikeville, TN: Dean Kanuckel

At home: Sue Armstrong, Sandra Ashmore, Linda Bowman, Marilyn Brown, Michael Censky, Peggy Cook, Jeff Crosby, C.C. Duff, Terry Enlund, Lois Erickson, Phyllis Fiedler, Judy Flinn, Larry Gagnon, Bill Goldsmith, Karen Gundy, Janet Hadd, Terry Henry, Trudy Hetrick, Vern Hotchkiss, Bill Hunt, Kandy Kimble, Fred Kirchner, Barb Leach, Betty McDermott, Barbara & Jim Mercer, Sid Miller, Gail Murray, Ruth Ochsenrider, Joe O’Neal, Peggy Orr, Marjorie Philippe, Carol Pontius, Sharon Shallcross, Derith Skipworth, John Snyder, Len Stark, Phyllis Stone, Betty Sweborg, Chris Thayer, Bobby Vencill, Ray Williams

Please remember all of our homebound members in prayer. Also, please continue to keep the brave and proud people in your prayers where war continues to rage.

Recent Surgeries and Procedures: None known

Upcoming Surgeries and Procedures: None known

For Pastoral Care, please call:

Rev. Sharon Austell (615) 848-8519

October 2024 Attendance

Average In-house 8:00	Average In-house 9:15	Average In-house 11:00	Average In-house YTD	Average Online 9:15	Average Online 11:00	Average Online YTD	Average Combined YTD
52	140	100	316	74	60	95	419

Current Year Giving as of October 31, 2024 Versus Budget

\$788,717

\$670,688

\$50,000

\$150,000

\$250,000

\$350,000

\$450,000

\$550,000

\$650,000

\$750,000

\$850,000

Given

Needed

85% of Budget Achieved

Ways to Give:

ENVELOPE—Check, cash

ONLINE—www.ffgumc.org/give

All Worship Services Today

Thanks to our **Audio/Video Media Team:**

8:00am: Don Kenne (audio)

9:15am & 11:00am: David Farley (video slides preparation)

9:15am: Mark LaPointe (in-house audio), John Jeffers (streaming audio), Ruth Kmiec (video projection), David Farley (streaming)

11:00 am: John Jeffers (in-house audio), Mark LaPointe (streaming audio), Mary Runfeldt (video projection), Luke Jeffers (streaming)



Sacred Encounters

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Order of Worship 9:15 a.m.

Pre-Gathering		
Jammin' For Jesus!		
Greeting and Announcements		
Mission Moment	The Compassionate Friends	Lanita Monroe
Lighting the Advent Wreath		
Gathering		
"Shine, Jesus, Shine"		Graham Kendrick
"How Great Is Our God"		Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves
"My Redeemer Lives"		Reuben Morgan
Congregational Care		
"Fill My Cup"	Andrew Ripp, Ethan Hulse, Thad Cockrell	
"I Walk By Faith"		Chris Falson
Special Music	"O Come, O Come"	
Barry Graul, Bart Millard, Ben Shive, Brown Bannister, Mike Scheuchzer, Nathan Cochran		
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-5; John 1:1-14	
Sermon		Lanita Monroe
Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
Holy Communion		
Time of Meditation	"O Come, O Come"	
Closing Hymn	"Put a Little Love in Your Heart"	
	Jackie DeShannon, Jimmy Holiday, Randy Meyers	
Prayer of Consecration		
Benediction		
Amen!		

Sacred Encounters Worship Today

Thanks to our **Praise Band**:

Annetta Deck (keys), David Odegaard (bass guitar),
Wade England (drums), Luke Jeffers (guitar), Nancy Winn (vocals)

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to our guests!

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and cookies.

Next Week's Scripture:

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 14:1, 18-27

Worship Services:

8:00am	Early Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:15am	Sacred Encounters—Sanctuary (also live-streamed) until May 2025
11:00am	Traditional Worship—Sanctuary (also live-streamed)
(Images of those participating in worship may be visible in the live stream.)	
~ Nursery Care available during 9:15am and 11:00am services ~	

Sunday Classes:

8:00am	Aldersgate—Friendship Room
8:00am	Friendship—Room 7
10:00am	Huestis—Room 6
10:30am	Christian Characters—Friendship Room

Small Groups, Bible Studies, Committee Meetings Week of December 1

SUNDAY, 12/01/24 8:00am.....Aldersgate SS Class 8:00am.....Friendship SS Class 10:00am.....Huestis SS Class 10:30am.....Christian Characters SS Class 3:00pm.....Handel's Messiah MONDAY, 12/02/24 8:00am.....Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00pm.....Emmaus 1:00pm.....Disciple I Bible Study TUESDAY, 12/03/24 9:30am.....Chair Yoga 12:00pm.....High Noon Sisters 12:30pm.....UWF Board Meeting 1:00pm.....Prayer Group 2:00pm.....SPRC Meeting	WEDNESDAY, 12/04/24 1:30pm.....Purpose Driven Life Class 4:30pm.....Handbells Rehearsal 5:30pm.....Choir Rehearsal THURSDAY, 12/05/24 9:00am.....Men's Bible Study 9:30am.....Chair Yoga 2:00pm.....Stephen Ministry 6:00pm.....Praise Band Rehearsal FRIDAY, 12/06/24 6:00pm.....CCCC Christmas Concert SATURDAY, 12/07/24 3:00pm.....CCCC Christmas Concert
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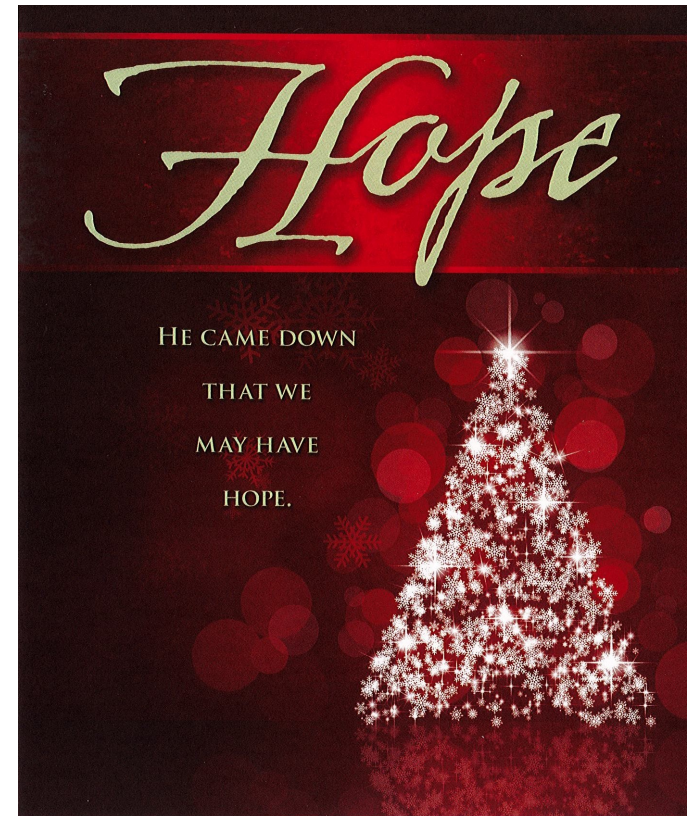
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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