

## **READING THE BIBLE THROUGH: December**

- ☐ 1 Hosea 7-8      Ps. 137      Luke 24
- ☐ 2 Hosea 9-10    Prov. 20      Matthew 1
- ☐ 3 Reflect on God as Giver
- ☐ 4 Hosea 11-12    Ps. 128      Matt. 2
- ☐ 5 Hosea 13:-14   Prov. 21      Matt. 3
- ☐ 6 Joel Psalm 139 Matt. 4
- ☐ 7 Amos 1-3      Prov. 22      Matt. 5
- ☐ 8 Amos 4-5      Ps. 140      Matt. 6
- ☐ 9 Amos 6-7      Prov. 23      Matt. 7-8
- ☐ 10 Reflect on God as King of Kings
- ☐ 11 Amos 8-9      Ps. 141      Matt. 9
- ☐ 12 Obadiah      Prov. 24      Matt. 10
- ☐ 13 Jonah 1-2      Ps. 142      Matt. 11
- ☐ 14 Jonah 3-4      Prov. 25      Matt. 12
- ☐ 15 Micah 1-3      Ps. 143      Matt. 13
- ☐ 16 Micah 4-5      Prov. 26      Matt. 14
- ☐ 17 Reflect on God as Savior
- ☐ 18 Micah 6-7      Ps. 144      Matt. 15
- ☐ 19 Nahum      Prov. 27      Matt. 16
- ☐ 20 Habakkuk      Ps. 145      Matt. 17
- ☐ 21 Zephaniah      Prov. 28      Matt. 18
- ☐ 22 Haggai      Ps. 146      Matt. 19
- ☐ 23 Zech. 1-3      Prov. 29      Matt. 20
- ☐ 24 Reflect on God as Emmanuel
- ☐ 25 Zech. 4-6      Ps. 147      Matt. 21
- ☐ 26 Zech. 7-8      Prov. 30      Matt. 22
- ☐ 27 Zech. 9-10      Ps. 148      Matt. 23
- ☐ 28 Zech. 11-12    Prov. 31:1-9 Matt. 24-25
- ☐ 29 Zech. 13-14    Ps. 149      Matt. 25-26
- ☐ 30 Malachi 1-2    Prov. 31:10-31 Matt. 26-27
- ☐ 31 Malachi 3-4    Ps. 150      Matt. 28

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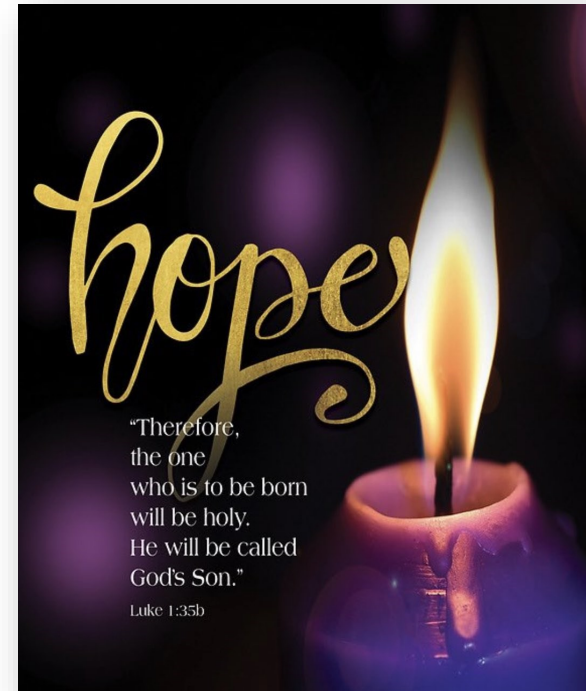
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## **December 1, 2024**

First Sunday of Advent

### **Mission Statement:**

Worship Passionately  
Love Extravagantly  
Witness Boldly

# Order of Worship

Liturgical Color: Purple

Welcome and Announcements		Deanna Nelson
Prelude		Kathy Willis
*Hymn	<i>“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”</i> (vs. 1,2,3)	Pg. 180
Affirmation of Faith	(The Apostles Creed)	Congregation
Lighting of the Advent Candle	8 A.M. Jimmy & Cheri Martin	
	10 A.M. Jacob & Hope Sanders	
Chorus	<i>“Emmanuel”</i>	Congregation
<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel, God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.</i>		
Children’s Moment		Mrs. Tammy
	<i>(Children remain in the Sanctuary today)</i>	
*Doxology	<i>(Ushers bring the offering forward)</i>	Congregation
Prayer Concerns		Rev. Matt Albritton
Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Matt Albritton
Special Music	<i>“Breath of Heaven”</i>	Deanna, Sally, Gigi
Scripture	Isaiah 9: 6-7	Rev. Matt Albritton
Sermon	The Hope of Christ	Rev. Matt Albritton
Communion		Congregation
*Hymn	<i>“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”</i> (vs. 1,2)	Pg. 163
Postlude		Kathy Willis

*\*Please stand as you are able.*



## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Ashley & Ryan Smith	Beth Roberts	Kathy Hooper
Barbara Knight	Randy Paul	Ann Bruce
Nancy Holdbrooks	Jennie Payne	Mariella Easterling
John Mann	Cornbread	Chris & Nikki Address
Beth West	Scarlotte & John Holmes	Elizabeth Gillian
Byron Milner	Kristine & Eric Vawter	Lorene Skinner

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANK YOU to everyone who baked, wrapped, purchased goodies and in any way supported our Methodist United Appeal Fundraiser last Sunday!** We have met our annual requirement for our state sales tax exemption and we are able to support the Elmore County Food Pantry and the Pastors’ Discretionary Fund that provides assistance to needy families in our community. **Some donations are still coming in, but together we raised over \$ 3,000.**

**This Friday & Saturday (Dec. 5 & 6) is Wetumpka’s Downtown Dickens Christmas.** Be sure to visit the amazing Live Nativity Scene on the courthouse lawn. You’ll be sure to recognize some familiar faces.

**First Methodist Church Chancel Choir Christmas Presentation**  
**Join us next Sunday, December 8 (10 a.m. worship only) for a very special Christmas Presentation by our Chancel Choir! You don’t want to miss this opportunity to join in worship through song as we are reminded of the true spirit of Christmas!**  
**Invite someone to come! Everyone is sure to be blessed!**

**KEENAGERS: December 10<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Luncheon in the Family Life Center at 11:45 am.** Remember all are invited to our festivities, road trips, etc. Our theme is *Come to the Manger*. Please come and enjoy this celebration with us. We will have great food and entertainment that everyone will enjoy. We may have a special surprise for you so do not miss this Come to the Manger and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

**Join us for Wednesday activities on December 4!**  
*It’s perfect weather for a Soup Night served by our wonderful Kitchen Crew from 5:15—6 p.m.*