

St. Paul & Center Grove United Methodist Church

Second Sunday of Advent

9 December 2012

Rev. Alan Thompson

"Small church...big hearts for serving the Lord and our neighbor in love...transforming the world."

Prelude & Greeting

Passing of the Peace

Advent Candle Liturgy

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.

We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise: #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Affirmation of Faith: #881 The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic**church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen*

*Gloria Patri: #70

Silent Meditation & Prayer

The 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 temptations, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Special Music: # 251 Go Tell It On the Mountain (SPUMC Choir)

Children's Message:

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology: #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Message in Hymn: #242 Love Came Down at Christmas

Scripture: Luke 3: 1-6

Sermon: "Road Construction"

*Hymn of Invitation: # 236 While Shepherds Watch Their Flock

*Benediction

*Postlude: #672 God Be With You Til We Meet Again

* Congregation standing

Life of the Church

- Attendance 12/2/12: SPUMC – 34 ; CGUMC – 4
- Pine Bluff UMC Food Pantry: Bring food pantry items to SPUMC by the first Saturday of each month in support of this ministry (they also accept professionally packaged venison).
- “Be on the Look Out! A new worship coming to Center Grove in January!
- Christmas Caroling SPUMC @ 4pm on 12/16/12
- See Thelma Tomberlin for Christmas poinsettias at SPUMC
- Christmas Eve Service & Communion 12/24/12 @ 8 pm – SPUMC for both congregations

<u>Advent Season</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgical Color</u>
<i>1st Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Prophecy and Hope</i>	<i>12/2/12</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>2nd Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Preparation and the Way</i>	<i>12/9/12</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>3rd Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Joy</i>	<i>12/16/12</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>4th Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Peace and Love</i>	<i>12/23/12</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>Christmas Eve/Christmas:</i>	<i>Christ the Light</i>	<i>12/24/12</i>	<i>white or gold</i>

Prayer List

Local Church: Tommy Shinn, Helen Shinn, Angel Thompson, Billy Hipsley, Polly Meehan, Laura Leigh, Rosalyn Greene, Susan Williams, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Martha Hartsell, Elizabeth Belch, Bob McClain, Bob Krimminger, Earl Dry, Kathy Cranford

Community: *Sharon Tomberlin, *Kate Fincher, *Alisha Gibson, Junior Johnson, Mary Smith, Ruth Carter, Debbie Smith, Betty Smith, Betty Sanders, Joan Ellard, *Karen Milke, Phyllis Godfrey, *Eric Rasmussen, *John Rasmussen, *David Williams, Emily Bostian, Randy Anderson, Raymond Childers, *Wesley Hartsell, *Larry Stancil, Sarah McCafferty, Alexander Chaney, Joanne Nunn, Fergie Krimminger, John Greenlee, Dylan Howell, Ed Stewicki, Allen Linker, Mac Hopkins, *Matthew Wallace, Jonathan Sapp, John Bowers, Stacy Davis, Noah Powers, Vivian Schrader, Mary Helms, Debbie Tompkins, Josh Helms, Jenny Satts, Jerri Greene, Ruth Baxter Laney, Darrell Johnston, Dovie Faggart, James Kirkley, Pamela Young, Matt Greene, Irene Barrier Family, Voyte Wilhelm, Dot Walter, Clarence Walter, Mark Walter, Robert Barnhardt and Family, Emily Hileman, Alex Simmons, Sharon Williams, Norrie Baird (*in an effort to keep our prayer focused on particular needs, please provide updates on conditions when available as well as those that need to be added to our prayer program along with those to be removed*) ***

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Keats Dellinger	12/25	Betty Hyatt	12/17
Donald & Amy Robinson	12/15	Bob & Wanda Krimminger	12/6

Omission from November listing: Conner Srackangast 11-24, Parker Srackangast 11-18

Recommended readings for the week

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6