

# St. Paul & Center Grove United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Advent

22 December 2013

Rev. Alan Thompson

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

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

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Prelude & Greeting

Passing of the Peace

Advent Candle Liturgy

The Mighty One has done great things! Holy is God's Name! The Light of the World is coming.

**With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.** [*Here relight the first three candles*]

God's mercy endures from generation to generation for those who are in awe of God.

**The proud, the rich, the mighty no longer have power over us.**

The lowly are lifted up, and the hungry are satisfied.

**We see the light of God shining over the land.**

We light a fourth candle in anticipation of the wondrous birth. [*Here light the fourth candle.*]

**We will open our hearts that Love may have a place to dwell.**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: #240 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Affirmation of Faith: #881 Apostle's 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

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

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: #230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (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*

Special Music: Mary Did You Know (Mark Lowery CCLI License No. 11125485)

Scripture: Luke 2: 9-11

Sermon: Joy in Christ

\*Hymn of Invitation: # 217 Away in a Manger

\*Benediction

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

\* Congregation standing

## Life of the Church

- Attendance 12/15/13: SPUMC – 30 ; CGUMC – 14
- Christmas Eve Service & Communion 12/24/13 @ 8 pm – CGUMC for both congregations
- 12/29/13 is 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday...reminder no church services
- The season of Advent

<u>Advent Season</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgical Color</u>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Prophecy and Hope</i>	<i>12/1/13</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Preparation and the Way</i>	<i>12/8/13</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Joy</i>	<i>12/15/13</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:</i>	<i>Peace and Love</i>	<i>12/22/13</i>	<i>purple or blue</i>
<i>Christmas Eve/Christmas:</i>	<i>Christ the Light</i>	<i>12/24/13</i>	<i>white or gold</i>

## Giving and service Opportunities

- Pine Bluff UMC Food Pantry
- Philippine Typhoon Relief "**International Disaster Response, Advance #982450**"
- Midwest Tornado Relief "UMCOR Midwest Tornado Relief"

## Prayer List

**Local Church:** Helen Shinn, Polly Meehan, Thelma Tomberlin, Bob Krimminger, Wanda Krimminger, Jerry Walter, Angel Thompson, Betty Hyatt, Belinda Morton, Billie Hipsley, Wes Lefler, Becky Morgan, Jim Hartsell, Mitzi Wilcox

**Homebound:** Rosalyn Greene, Elizabeth Widenhouse, Ellen Cline, Martha Hartsell

**Community:** \*Fergie Krimminger, \*Dot Walter, \*Karen Milke, \*Kate Fincher, \*Larry Stancil, \*Mark Walter, \*Sharon Tomberlin, \*James Hartsell, \*Sue Grate, \*Tony Grate, \*Virginia Bost, \*Maggie Shaver, \*Jeremy Morton, Bella Mitchell, Brook & Patrick Haynes, Dana Barbee, Dovie Faggart, Haley Crawford, Junior Johnson, Mike Patterson, Tim Stewart, Trina Plowman, Sally Hughes, Cooper Rayfield, Tom Henry, Tammy Smith, Christina Garcia, Mike & Tammy Geeland and Lelan, Jimmy Brantley, Victor Esteban, Ted Hinson, Jonathan Garmon, Carolyn Spelling, James Pope, Mike Phela, Katy Phela, Garry Massengill Family, David Hinson, Connor Waltrip, Norrie Baird, \*Christian Morton, Rusty Moore, Sally Hughes, Tammy Trull Family, **Leah Overcash**, Billie Harrington, Anita Hill, Justin Cline Family, Jody Hegler, Jonathan & Angie Barbee, David Nixon, Mary Johnson, Pat Barbee, Will McCulloh, Joan Eller, Fred Eudy

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Keats Dellinger	12/25	Donald & Amy Robinson	12/15
Betty Hyatt	12/17	Bob & Wanda Krimminger	12/6
Belinda Morton	12/21		

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