

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

PRELUDE

*“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring/
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Advent is -

Preparing to welcome baby Jesus once again.

Advent is -

God sending His Son into this world to find a way to deal with sin without destroying His creation.

Advent is -

Being prepared and alert for Jesus being born again in our lives, our hearts, and in the world around us.

Advent is -

A time to sing with the angels that Jesus is our Lord and Savior!

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Hymn 155
All Verses*

***INVOCATION**

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

THE LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE

Cynthia Hernandez

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Edd Spencer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14 (NT page 58)

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

SERMON

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Rev. Edd Spencer

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Hymn 150
All Verses*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer cards are in the pews

Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

Offertory

*“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming/
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

***Offertory Prayer**

*Judy Sellers
Worship Leader*

THE GIFT FROM JESUS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Edd Spencer

COMMUNION PRAYER

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

*Sarah Draper
Elder*

THE COMMUNION

Our deacons will come by each pew to serve you.
Partake of the bread and hold the cup.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

*Hymn 167
Verse 3*

***BENEDICTION**

(Hold hands with the person near you.)

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

“Emmanuel”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

***Congregation standing – as able or willing**

Please join us in the Parlor for Coffee Fellowship after worship.

Life in the Valley

Sunday, Dec 3	1 st Sunday of Advent Food Pantry Sunday – Any Canned Vegetable 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Coffee Fellowship (Parlor)
Monday, Dec 4	8:00am Manna Market Prep (Fellowship) 6:00pm Embellishments Bell Choir Group (Yellow Room)
Tuesday, Dec 5	8:00am Manna Market Sale (Fellowship) 6:30pm Bible Study Class on Zoom.
Wednesday, Dec 6	6:00pm BVM Christmas Party (PawPaw Patch – Homewood) 6:30pm CPR Certification Group (Choir Room) Lola Kiser's Birthday
Thursday, Dec 7	10:00am New Horizons Board Meeting (Fellowship) 6:30pm Barony Group (Blue Room)
Friday, Dec 8	9:45am AAA – Classic on Noble Holiday Lunch (Anniston)
Saturday, Dec 9	8:00am ESQG Sit and Sew (Fellowship) 9:00am Valley Workday 10:00am CPR Certification Group (Choir Room)
Sunday, Dec 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent Christmas Offering 10:00am Elder Prayer Time 10:30am Worship (Sanctuary) After worship, Coffee Fellowship (Parlor) Beth Collier's Birthday Peggi Zinser's Birthday

Today's Servers

WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Sellers ELDER: Sarah Draper DEACONS/GREETER: Team 1 –
Captain: Beth Collier Members: Terry Nunnelly, Jean Thrasher and John Gregory OPEN: Pastor
CLOSE: Stewart Draper COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Peggi Zinser