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1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017 • 11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!

We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

Welcome and Greeting

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Music

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

(Please see worship bulletin insert)

Jacob & Miriam Price

Sacrament of Baptism

Zoey Kathryn Reeves

Pastoral Prayer/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 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory and Prayer

*Scripture

Mark 13:24-37 ~ Pew Bible New Testament, Page 44

Message

"Christ Our Hope" Rev. Bill Price

Holy Communion

We will be using four stations for serving intinction style (dipping the bread in the cup) communion. *Please allow the ushers to direct you.* We will begin with the back pews first and move forward. Each station will have available both pita bread (wheat) and gluten free bread. Unless you indicate otherwise to your server, pita bread will be distributed. Gifts left at the altar will be designated for the pastor's discretionary fund.

Closing (You may pray at the altar during the closing song.)

Sermon Notes:

Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day. You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, Hebrews 1-4 ; Monday, Numbers 25-28; Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 6-10; Wednesday, Psalms 114-116; Thursday, Proverbs 26-27; Friday, Obadiah; Saturday, Acts 1-2.

This Week ...

SUNDAY, December 3

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (Both Campuses)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
12:15 p.m. Family Ministry Team Meeting
3:00 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth Area, West Campus)
5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Choirs (WD105, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Grades 9th-12th (West Campus)

MONDAY, December 4

2:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study (WD101, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Remedy Youth Bible Study (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (WD102, West Campus)

TUESDAY, December 5

8:00 a.m. Uniform Closet Open (West Campus)
9:00-11:30 a.m. Prodissee Pantry Open (9315 Spanish Fort Blvd.)
Noon Lunch Bunch Bible Study (Youth Area, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Grief Support (WD 102, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Study Team Meeting (WD101, West Campus)

WEDNESDAY, December 6

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall, Main Campus)
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study (WD101, West Campus)
3:30 p.m. Bread of Life *ChristCare* Group (WD101, West Campus)
5:15 p.m. Mid-Week Meal: Spaghetti (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Advent Celebration (West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Disciple IV (WD102, West Campus)
6:00 p.m. Women of the Word Bible Study (Resource Ctr.)
6:20 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice (MB100, Main Campus)

THURSDAY, December 7

11:00 a.m. Communion Served at Westminster Village

Upcoming Events...

December 9, United Methodist Men Christmas Breakfast @ 8 AM
December 10, Children's Choir Performs at Both Worship Services
December 10, Youth Leadership Team Meeting
December 10, Confirmation Class
December 11, Evangelism Meeting @ 12:00 PM
December 11, Finance Meeting
December 13, Last Mid-Week Meal and Activities of the Season
December 13, Catapult Tackpult Christmas Party
December 17, Cantata, "Joy" at Both Worship Services
December 17, Remedy Youth Christmas Party
December 18, Church Council
December 24, Worship at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.
December 25-26, Church Office Closed for Christmas
December 31, One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m., No Classes

Worship. Study. Serve.

UMM CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST...On **December 9**, the United Methodist Men will hold their annual Family Christmas Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Fresh Fruit and as always, the "Almost World Famous Cheese Grits".

SPECIAL MUSIC...Join us for worship on Sunday, **December 10**, when the Children's Christmas Choirs will perform at both worship service. On **December 17**, the Sanctuary Choir and musicians will perform a Cantata, "Joy" at both worship services.

CATAPULT CHRISTMAS PARTY...All youth grades 6th-8th are invited to participate in the last Catapult of the season. Join us for Tackpult with food, fun, and fellowship on Wednesday, **December 13**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Area on the West Campus.

MINISTRY FOCUS DURING ADVENT...We will be collecting supplies for the United Methodist Children's Home – Babies First Program. This is a group home in Mobile that houses young mothers and their children. Please bring items to the church office or the Fellowship Hall by **December 17**. You may also bring cards or notes of encouragement that will be delivered with the supplies. Collection Items: New Twin bed sheets/pillow cases, Towels (bath size and wash cloths), Shampoo (full or travel size), Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Hairbrushes, Deodorant, Detergent – (Dreft or Sensitive All only), and Hand Soap.

Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary at Christmas. You may purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$10.00 per name. Please complete the form below and return it with a check labeled "poinsettia" to the church office or offering plate by Sunday, **December 10th**.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

In Memory: _____

In Honor: _____

Given by: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Check#: _____

(Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 17.)