

1st Sunday of Advent
November 30th, 2008
10:30 am

THE PRELUDE **Voluntary in F** (Croft)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES Bill Sherrill

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN- No. 437 **This Is My Song**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day, for we need you. We cannot save ourselves. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Today we would be quiet enough to hear your voice. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. Our whole world needs your peace. let us come before you and learn your ways, laying down our weapons and feeding the hungry. Come to us now, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Reading of Isaiah 60:2-3 *Bobby & Patti Taylor*
The Lighting of the First Candle

Sung Response: No. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, stanza 1

FIRST LESSON - pg. 742, 1161 Isaiah 64:1-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Matt Greer

CHORAL RESPONSE **Three-fold Amen** (Danish)

GOSPEL LESSON - pg. 1006, 1577 *Mark 13:24-37*

SERMON **"Can You Hear Me Now"** Youth

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN – No. 730 **O Day of God, Draw Nigh**

OFFERTORY **Kevin Baker**

*DOXOLOGY – No.95

*HYMN – No. 472 **Near to the Heart of God**

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION– No. 665 **Go Now In Peace** (N. Sleeth)

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.*

*POSTLUDE **Trumpets In Praise** (Ritter)

The **Flowers** are placed in the church today for the glory of God and in memory of **Dorothy Revis Birthday by her family.**

OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot, Joe Philpot, Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum, and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice Looper, Shirley Dickson's friend, (Marvin Lollis), Dub Childs, Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred Pollard, Steve

Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith, Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, and Doris Williams.
Margaret Rivers is in The Cottages at Brushy Creek, (Rm. #2- Rose Cottage) 113 Cottage Creek Circle, Greer, SC 29650.

Bible Study The Bible Study program will begin on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 4:30 PM in the B.R. Huckaby classroom. We will begin with a brief preview of Hebrew History and study the book of Jeremiah. Look forward to seeing you and bring your Bible. For any questions call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

UMW Executive Board Meeting The executive board of the UMW (current board members and in coming board members) will meet on Wednesday December 3. 2008, at 6:30 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class. We will start planning next years activities.

Inspiration Group will meet on Thursday, December 4th, at 11:30 am. This will be a catered meal by Henry's Bar-B-Que. Bill Teat will lead our devotion. We will be playing bingo and white elephant.

Casseroles We still have some casseroles that were not sold at the Bazaar. If you would like to buy some more, please contact Blanche Creswell.

Help Needed Part-time youth director to work with youth aged 11-18. Most work will be on Sundays and Wednesdays, with other days as needed. Background check required. Request job description or send resume and one-page statement of your reasons, qualifications, and vision for leading a youth ministry. Salary is \$100/week. Please send letter of interest to BFUMC (attention SPRC Committee).

PPRC Meeting The PPRC will meet this coming Wednesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class.

Thank you A special thank you to Joan Ricchezza for her help with the Fall Festival. We appreciate everyone's hard work!

For Your Information (and inspiration)!

Attendance – Sunday 23rd:

Sunday School –57 Worship –121

Financial Report for November 23rd:

Received for Budget \$3,549.52

Received to-date in November \$18,351.08

Staff

Pastor	Dr. Keith Ray II
Music Director	Bill Sherrill
Organist	Sibyl Thomas
Membership Secretary	Pat Teat
Youth Director	Patti Taylor
Treasurer	Marsha Disher
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Capps

THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill
Acolyte	Denise McCloud
Trustee	Ronnie Hunter
Stewardship	Garl Revis
Altar Guild	Patty Bowers
Nursery	Margaret Rawson
Ushers	Youth

Wednesday Night Supper

December 3rd

Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad
French Bread, Brownie
Tea, Water, Coffee

Happy Birthday

December 2 Danielle Melton
December 6 Hilda Hagins
Mildred Pollard
Kirby-Annah Philpot

Happy Anniversary

November 30th Jo & Van Thomas

