

Welcome

December 3, 2017
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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First Sunday of Advent; Purple

Prelude "The Little Drummer Boy" arr. Waldrop
Adult Handbell Choir featuring John Howard White on cajon

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship
"The People Who Walk in Darkness"
His Image Youth Choir

*Spoken Call to Worship
Leader: In the beginning was the Word.
People: And the Word was with God and the Word was God.
Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
People: And we beheld His glory, the glory of the only
begotten Son of God.

*Hymn of Praise "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 211
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Refrain)
O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. (Refrain)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(8:30) Ross, Jenna & Maddux Pinney
(11:00) Tag, Amy, Slade & Jett Croxton

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:11
Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the
light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way
of salvation.
Congregational Response (sung):
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Musical Word arr. Vader, Rouse, Aspinall
"The Journey Begins Tonight"
Cantata Choir

Children's Sermon
(After the children's sermon, children age 3-kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church across
the hall in Room 315, and children in 1st-4th grades will remain in the adult worship service.)

Morning Prayer

*Greeting

*Hymn of Preparation "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Prayer for the Offering (8:30) Bruce Getz (11:00) Linda-Gail Thompson
Receiving the Offering
*Doxology ("Praise God")
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.

Written Word John 14:1-3

Spoken Word "Coming Home"

Service of Holy Communion
(Offerings left on the communion rail today will go to the Benevolence Fund to help persons in need.)
(Children 1st grade and up will remain in the service today for Holy Communion. It is up to you and your
child whether you would like for them to participate in Communion with you, but please know that it is
our practice to invite everyone to participate, regardless of age or depth of understanding.)

*Hymn of Commitment "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 204
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat)

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

Copies of this week's calendar are available
on the credenzas in the hallway.

CONNECTION CARD

Name _____ Email _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Names of other family members (include grades for children or youth): _____

Service attending: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Check all that apply: 1st time guest Returning guest

1st time filling out this card Update contact info

How did you hear about Pierce Chapel? _____

DECISION CARD

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to:

- Receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Recommit my life to Jesus Christ.
- Talk with the pastor.
- Be baptized.
- Become a member of Pierce Chapel.

Questions and/or comments: _____

Prayer Request

Please write your prayer request below so we may join with you in prayer.

Please pray for _____

Requested by _____

Would you like to be informed when prayers are lifted up? Yes / No

Email _____

Phone# _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate today or in the locked box at the Welcome Center. Your request will be communicated promptly to our 15-member Prayer Team.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Attendance Sunday School: Did not meet Sunday Night:
 8:30 Worship: 187 Youth: 48 + 8 adults + 3 supper helpers
 11:00 Worship: 209 Tweenagers: 7 + 2 adults
 Total in both services: 396

Offering Generously Given \$8,897.20
 Generously Given to Date \$732,261.72
 Budgeted to Date for Ministry \$748,915.61
 Student Day Offering \$25.00
 Benevolence Fund \$200.00
 Black Envelope Giving (Debt Elimination) \$4,000.00
 Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date \$51,045.84 \$335.00
 Our House Methodist Children's Home (Sunday School Offering) \$376.00
 Building by Faith \$4,149.00
 Building by Faith Loan Principal \$999,832.74 Targeted Monthly Payment \$13,527.00
 Building by Faith Month-to-Date Generously Given \$9,996.00
 Building by Faith Month-to-Date Shortage/Overage (\$3,531.00)
 Gifts were given to Building by Faith in memory of:
 — Edna Brown by the Waller Class
 — Chris Luby and James Douglas Laye by Gail Laye
 — John Clark by Marcia English



Thank you for worshipping with us at Pierce Chapel today. We hope you'll be encouraged and inspired by your experience here. If this is your first time at Pierce Chapel, please take one of the colored bags found at the Welcome Center. It's our little gift to you! Again, thank you for being here today. May God bless you.

We express our love and sympathy to Michele, Lindsey, and Kyle Clark at the death of Michele's husband and Lindsey & Kyle's father, John Clark, on November 24.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the A/V booth at the back of the Worship Center.

A "cry room" with closed-circuit TV capability (Room 305) is available across the hall for parents of infants and toddlers who wish to keep their children with them for the service but feel more comfortable in a more child-friendly environment.

PIERCE CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Howard G. White	Pastor
Rev. Lynn Meadows-White	Minister of Discipleship
Nathan Carr	Director of Youth Ministries
Roseanna Harbuck	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Donna Pounds	Service Accompanist/Choir Director
Debi Van Noy	Preschool Director
Katie Ingram	Church Secretary/Nursery Director
Dawn Krueger	Financial Secretary
Jessica Stanley	Youth Ministry Assistant
Allison Williams	Ministry Intern
Justin Daniel	Tweenager Intern
Kiddy Seifu	Nursery Caregiver
Lisa Courtney	Custodian
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Coming Home

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Sunday, December 3, 2017

 Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church



Pierce Chapel cordially invites you to attend
"How Should A King Come"

Our Music Ministry's Christmas Cantata

Today, December 3

In the Worship Center, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

A reception will follow each service.

Schedule Changes Today

- Children's Choirs will rehearse in the Chapel, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- Tweenagers will not meet
- Youth will meet at Wild Wing Café at 5:00 p.m., then attend the 7:00 Cantata

Sharing Christmas at Open Door Community House

Help low-income parents provide gifts for their children. Parents are provided a schedule to "shop" at Open Door for Christmas gifts free of charge.

If you'd like to contribute, please bring NEW, UNWRAPPED items to Pierce Chapel & place them in the bins near the Welcome Center through **December 12**.

Ideas for children (birth - age 12): newborn clothes & toys, baby/toddler clothes & toys, books, age-appropriate DVDs, baby dolls, action figures, educational toys, plastic sports equipment, ride-on toys

Ideas for teens (ages 13-17) (always much needed): earrings, bracelets, necklaces, perfume, cologne, body lotion, beauty products, cosmetics kits, nail polish, manicure sets, purses, ties, watches (male and female), sports equipment (basketballs, footballs, soccer balls), outdoor games, art sets, socks, ball caps, earphones, inexpensive CD players, inexpensive MP3 players, inexpensive digital cameras, CDs, FM/AM clock radios, DVD movies, video games, flash drives, underclothes, bedding sets, clothes

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

There will **not** be an 8:30 worship service or Sunday School.

A loving nursery will be provided for kindergarten and younger.

Poinsettias for Advent
Order Deadline is **TODAY!**

To provide one or more poinsettias to decorate the Worship Center, complete the form below and place in the offering plate along with full payment. The poinsettias, \$12.00 each, may be given in honor or memory of someone. A list of donors & those honored/memorialized will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, December 10. Please **CLEARLY PRINT** all names **as you want them to appear** in the bulletin.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

of plants ordered _____ Amount paid (\$12 each) \$ _____

(method of payment) _____ cash _____ check & check # _____

Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel and earmark them "poinsettias."

I will pick up plant(s) _____ Please take plant(s) to shut-in _____

Pierce Chapel's Children's Choirs present



It's Christmas Eve at the Carter home, and everyone is excited about the Christmas parade. However, the Carter kids begin to lose sight of the true reason we celebrate Christmas. Will the parents have to cancel Christmas? Join us Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. for a musical that teaches that Christmas is not simply about the gifts underneath the tree, but about the gift of Christ's life! Supper will be served at 5:30. Please go to piercechapel.com/supper to make a supper reservation.



Tonight, December 3

6:00-7:30 p.m.

At the Pastoral Institute

Free seminar for those facing the holidays for the first time after the death of a loved one. No

reservations or registration necessary. Light refreshments will be provided. Facilitator: Earl J. Nichols. Contact Christina Green at cgreen@pilink.org.

Our Calendar for the week

Sunday, December 3

3:30-5:30 PM

5:00 PM

4:00 PM

7:00 PM

Children's Choirs in Chapel
Youth (7th-12th grades) meet at Wild Wing Café then
attend the 7:00 Cantata
*Christmas Cantata in Worship Center
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Monday, December 4

6:30-7:30 PM

Adult handbells in Room 108

Tuesday, December 5

9:00-10:30 AM

5:00-8:00 PM

6:30-8:00 PM

6:30-8:00 PM

7:00 PM

Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
Preschool Chick-fil-A Spirit Night (Kitten Lake Dr.)
Boy Scouts in Youth Barn
Cub Scouts throughout church
Tabitha's Heart in home of Tina Armistead

Wednesday, December 6

4:30-5:00 PM

5:20-5:50 PM

6:00-6:50 PM

6:00-6:50 PM

7:00-7:45 PM

7:00 PM

Chapel Chimes (5th-7th grades) in Room 108
Youth Handbells (8th-12th grades) in Room 108
Youth (7th-8th grades) Small Groups in Youth Barn
Youth (9th-12th grades) Small Groups in main building
Youth (7th-12th grades) games in Youth Barn
Adult Choir Clean-up in Worship Center

Thursday, December 7

9:00-10:30 AM

11:00 AM

11:30 AM

6:30-8:00 PM

6:30 PM

Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
Reunion in Youth Barn
Happy Achers sack lunch and games in Hospitality Room
N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Room 216
Northside Softball Team in Worship Center

Saturday, December 9

9:00-10:30 AM

10:00 AM-12:00 Noon

11:00 AM-2:00 PM

5:00 PM

Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
Children's Choir Rehearsal in Worship Center
K.I.L.T. (Knights in Leadership Training) Youth Barn
*New Directions Sunday School Party
in home of Brian & Anna Williams

*Indicates loving childcare provided for infant to 36 months.