

Welcome

December 31, 2017
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
People: Authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Leader: His authority shall grow continually;
People: And there shall be endless peace for the throne
of David and his kingdom.

*Hymn of Praise Joy to the World No. 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders
of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created
and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and
make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called
to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified
and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is
with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Musical Word arr. Vader, Rouse, Aspinall
What Kind of King
Soloist: Mike Lorentz

Children's Sermon

(Today is a 5th Sunday Funday! All kids age 3 thru 4th grade are invited to Room 210/212 for a Veggie
Tales movie! We will enjoy popcorn and Capri Suns so please inform our Children's Coordinator if your
child has any food allergies. Pick-up will be immediately after the service in Room 210/212.)

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

*Greeting

*Hymn of Preparation O God, Our Help In Ages Past No. 117

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*Prayer for the Offering (8:30) Jessica Stanley (11:00) Nathan Carr

Receiving the Offering

Written Word John 1:1-18

Spoken Word 2018 Spiritual Goals

Altar Prayer Time

*Hymn of Commitment In His Time No. 2203

In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time.
Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say in your time.

In your time, in your time; you make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing
be to you a lovely thing in your time. (Repeat first verse)

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

Hearing assistance devices are available in A/V booth at 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.

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 DECEMBER 24, 2017

Attendance 11:00 Worship: 400 5:00 Worship: 312 7:00 Worship: 229
 Total in all services: 941

Offering Generously Given \$19,110.17
 Generously Given to Date \$863,162.23
 Budgeted to Date for Ministry \$810,896.56
 Benevolence Fund \$290.00
 Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date \$60,664.64 \$5,089.30.00
 MercyMed at Fox Elementary (Christmas Eve Offering) \$3,620.00
 Building by Faith \$1,692.00
 Building by Faith Loan Principal \$987,074.58 Targeted Monthly Payment \$13,527.00
 Building by Faith Month-to-Date Generously Given \$16,611.02
 Building by Faith Month-to-Date Shortage/Overage \$3,084.02
 Gifts were given to Building by Faith in memory of:
 — Karen Kennedy & Dorothy Carruthers by the Waller Class.
 — John Clark by Jon & Kathy Long.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

Attendance Sunday School: 227 Sunday Night:
 8:30 Worship: 246 Youth: 55 + 12 adults
 11:00 Worship: 300 Tweenagers: 9 + 4 adults
 Total in both services: 546

Offering Generously Given \$50,811.94
 Generously Given to Date \$844,052.06
 Budgeted to Date for Ministry \$795,545.35
 Benevolence Fund \$1,770.00
 Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date \$55,575.34 \$745.00
 Our House Methodist Children's Home (Sunday School Offering) \$100.00
 Rose Hill United Methodist Church (Sunday School Offering) \$263.00
 Land of Promise \$4,960.00
 Building by Faith \$3,814.02
 Building by Faith Loan Principal \$987,074.58 Targeted Monthly Payment \$13,527.00
 Building by Faith Month-to-Date Generously Given \$14,919.02
 Building by Faith Month-to-Date Shortage/Overage \$1,392.02
 Gifts were given to Building by Faith:
 — in memory of John Clark by the Pipe Dreamers Golf Team.
 — in memory of John Clark and in honor of Cheryl & Jerimiah Simpson by Linda Todd.
 — in honor of Howard White & Lynn Meadows-White by Scott & Sarah Fabozzi.
 — in honor of Rick Dorer & Bill Hayes by Bobbie & Bruce Getz.

We express our love and sympathy to Dawn Krueger at the death of her mother, Sherry Beck, on December 23.

FIRST TIME HERE? Thank you for worshiping 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.

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 open hearts • open minds • open doors

Happy New Year!

 **Developing mature disciples**
 who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

IT'S GAME NIGHT!

TWEENAGERS (5th & 6th grades)

Wednesday, January 3, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Join us for a night food, games and contests including Australian hide & seek, Minute-to-Win-It games, dance-off and more! Friends are welcome!

YOUTH (7th-12th grades)

Wednesday, January 3, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Join us for ultimate frisbee at 4:00, pizza at 6:00, and a Mario Cart tournament and video games until 9:00 p.m. Students, please bring a change of clothes (to wear after ultimate frisbee) and video games/systems/controllers if you have them.

Save the Date!

Annual Women's Winter Retreat

February 2-4 in Pine Mountain

Theme: "Touchdown for the Word"

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Sunday, January 14

Your gift gives ordinary people an extraordinary voice.

"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute."

Proverbs 31:8

FROZEN ASSETS

Would you like to spend a few hours cooking in our kitchen while blessing others in our congregation? Then please join us Friday, January 5, 10:30 a.m. in the Pierce Chapel kitchen. The Frozen Assets Team will be preparing frozen meals that we will take to those in need at our church at a later date. We would love your help, but space is limited! To reserve your space or for any questions you might have, please text Susan Wooldridge at 706-358-2973.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night!

Please make plans to attend Pierce Chapel Preschool's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on **Tuesday, January 2, 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Wear your Pierce Chapel shirt (if you have one), stop by Chick-fil-A at Kitten Lake in Midland, and tell them you are there for Spirit Night. A portion of your purchase comes back to our preschool. We were able to put down new playground mulch using funds raised from our previous Spirit Nights! Invite friends and family to participate as well!



SonPower Early Bird Rate Deadline Today!

His Image students and parents: Today is the absolute **last day** to register for SonPower at the *low, low* price of \$30 per student. Please see Donna **today** to secure your place! (Even if you miss today's deadline, there are still opportunities to go...for \$28 more per person.)

Our Calendar for the week

Sunday, December 31

No evening activities

Monday, January 1

Church Office closed

Tuesday, January 2

9:00-10:30 AM

Senior Exercise in Youth Barn

5:00-8:00 PM

Preschool Chick-fil-A Spirit Night (Kitten Lake Drive, Midland)

6:30-8:00 PM

Boy Scouts in Youth Barn

6:30-8:00 PM

Cub Scouts throughout church

7:00 PM

Tabitha's Heart in home of Tina Armistead

Wednesday, January 3

4:00 PM

Youth (7th-12th grades) Ultimate Frisbee in field

6:00 PM

Youth supper in Youth Barn

6:00-10:00 PM

Tweenager (5th-6th grades) dinner & game night
in Room 210

6:30-9:00 PM

Youth Video Game Tournament in Youth Barn

7:30 PM

Adult Choir Practice in Room 302

Thursday, January 4

9:00-10:30 AM

Senior Exercise in Youth Barn

11:30 AM

Happy Achers sack lunch & games in Hospitality Room

6:30-8:00 PM

N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Room 216

Friday, January 5

10:30 AM

Frozen Assets cooking in kitchen

6:00 PM

Youth Lock-In begins

Saturday, January 6

9:00 AM

Youth Lock-In ends

9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Pinewood Derby Workshop outside Hospitality Room

9:00-10:30 AM

Senior Exercise in Youth Barn