

## *December Mission*

### *United Christian Ministries (UCM)*

*The Christmas Dinner Boxes contain a turkey or ham and all the fixings for a complete meal.*

*If you want to help with the Christmas Dinner Boxes for UCM you can make a donation to help purchase a turkey or ham and/or purchase the following items for each box:*

- (1) 2 boxes of mac & cheese, (2) 1 large can of green beans,*
- (3) 1 large can of yams, (4) 1 box of Jiffy corn muffin mix*
- (5) 1 box of cake mix, (6) 1 container of frosting*

*The Christmas Dinner Boxes are collected and are given out to each family beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*You can put your food in the Mission Room, or your check in the collection plate.*

### *Sweet Spirits*

### *Christmas Party*

*December 21, 11:30am., in the FLC.*

*Bring a finger food to share & join us.*

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# **St. Andrew United Methodist Church**

## **Rev. Dan Batson**

## **Third Sunday of Advent**



**Liturgist: John Wallace**

**Soothing Reflections: Susan and Rita Dunn**

**Accompanist: Susan Buckley Cumbie**

**Soloists: Leah German, Elliott Hunter, Andy Hunter**

**Director: Laurie Garrett Hunter**

## **December 12, 2021**

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome and Grace of Hospitality

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle      The Duvalls

Tithes and Offerings      Soothing Reflections

\*Doxology, No. 95

### A Service of Lessons and Carols

*In order to maintain the flow and intimacy of the service, we ask that you silence all cell phones and refrain from applause until the end of the service.*

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer      Rev. Dan Batson

Blessing      Rev. Dan Batson

First Lesson      Genesis 3

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

"O Come, All You Unfaithful"

Choir with Elliott and Andy Hunter

O come, all you unfaithful, come weak and unstable, come, know you are not alone. O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying, come see what your God has done.

## *St. Andrew Homebound*

*Cleo Brown*

*Joyce Crowe*

*Connie Lachen*

*Joan McKnight*

*Lucy Rackley (No Visitors)*

*Dwaine & Ruth Stanley*

*Dial & Dee Hook*

*Ann Owens*

*Rev. Dan Batson*

*Becky Todd*

*Gina Bolin (Cleo Brown's niece)*

*Thomas Owens*

*Katie Owens (Daughter to Benny & Sarah Owens)*

*Larry Griffin (brother of William Griffin)*

*Starr Mejia (sister of Shawn Cormier)*

*Gwen Searcy (Amy Jenkin's sister-in-law)*

*Jennifer Johnson*

*Valjean Johnson (Kate Hyder's nephew)*

*Dial Hook*

*Dee Hook*

*Joanne Childress*

*Pat Finley*

*Ed McCollum*

*Betty Owens (No Visitors)*

*Jim & Val Thornton*

*Doris Stone*

*Bob & Marge Tucker (No Visitors)*

### **Prayer List**

*Health concerns*

*Recovering from ankle surgery*

*Brain surgery December 17th*

*On going health concerns*

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*In hospital-Still monitoring his symptoms*

*At home with nursing care*

*In the Hospital—Health concerns*

*Hip replacement surgery*

*In a comma since brain surgery, covid, septic & pneumonia*

*On-going health concerns*

*Upcoming test*

# Weekly Calendar

**Youth:** Today, December 12, 6pm, in the Family Life Center

**Beyond Sunday:** December 12, 6pm, in Room 1

**Kids For Christ:** Wednesday, December 15, 6pm, in the Family Life Center

**Bible Study:** Wednesday, December 15, 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall

**Super Ringers' practice:** Thursday, December 16, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, in

## *Graduate*

Congratulations to Jonathan Johnson in his graduation from Anderson University with a degree in Kinesiology. Jonathan plans to continue his studies to pursue a degree in Nursing. Jonathan is the son of Jennifer Johnson and the grandson of Jimmy Owens.

***New Sunday School Curriculum*** Have you ever made a New Year's resolution to read through the Bible in a year only to stop after a few days or weeks? Maybe you needed some support and accountability.

The Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class will be using **The Bible Recap** daily reading plan as the classroom curriculum in 2022 and we invite you to join us. **The Bible Recap** is a chronological reading plan supported by an app and a daily podcast. The daily podcast is an audio commentary by Tara Lee Cobble who has an approachable, understandable way of explaining scripture. You can access all of the free materials using a smartphone or computer. If you don't have access to technology, there is a free printable reading plan available. There is also a printed version of the podcast which sells for \$26.99 on Amazon. To find out more, go to **[TheBibleRecap.com/start](http://TheBibleRecap.com/start)**

The daily readings take about 20 minutes. We will be helping each other get started during Sunday School on December 26 in the Adult Fellowship classroom. Sunday School begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:15. Contact Monique German or Dave Hendricks if you have questions.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

O come bitter and broken, come with fears unspoken, come taste of his perfect love. O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run, see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon.

His promise is peace, for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing, come He is the offering,  
Come see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you.

## **Second Lesson**

*God promises to faithful Abraham that through his seed all the nations shall be blessed.*

Genesis 22

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Soothing Reflections

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming/The Rose”

Choir with Elliott Hunter

## **Third Lesson**

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior*

Isaiah 9

**\*Hymn No. 218**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Congregational Hymn

“Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child”

Choir with Leah German

#### Fourth Lesson

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.* Isaiah 11  
“The First Noel” Soothing Reflections  
“Do You Hear What I Hear?” Choir

#### Fifth Lesson

*The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.* Luke 2  
“Mary Did You Know?” Soothing Reflections & Choir

#### Sixth Lesson

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.* Luke 2  
\*Hymn No. 219 “What Child is This?”  
Congregational Hymn  
“Infant Holy/Away in a Manger” Soothing Reflections

#### Seventh Lesson

*The Shepherds go to the manger.* Luke 2  
“Gospel Nativity Carol” Choir

#### Eighth Lesson

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.* Matthew 2  
“We Three Kings” Soothing Reflections  
“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” Choir

#### Ninth Lesson

*John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.* John 1  
“Joyful, Joyful to the World” Choir

#### Collect

Rev. Dan Batson

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, He may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen

#### \*Hymn No. 240

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
Congregational Hymn

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

*\*Please stand if you are able*

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***YOU JUST CAN'T MISS THIS!***

***Children's Christmas Play "Super Christmas"***

***Sunday, December 19, 6pm, in the sanctuary***

***Refreshments following in the FLC.***