

We Welcome You To

SPICELAND FRIENDS CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!" (Isaiah 40:3). May we also prepare our hearts for the Messiah's coming.

PRELUDE Connie Brown, Pianist

WELCOME Sandra Swann

ADVENT SCRIPTURE AND CANDLELIGHTING
Barbara Lacy, Karleigh Davis
Isaiah 9:2; John 8:12

* WORSHIP IN SONG

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – #245 (v. 1)

"The Solid Rock" – #526

Tasha Crandall, Song Leader

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN'S STORY Amanda Judge

All children will be worshipping with us until after the Children's Story. Children (preschool – 5th grade) may go downstairs for Jr. Church. The nursery is available for parents with babies or toddlers.

SHARING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER Eric Bowman

SCRIPTURE Carly Griggs
1 John 3:1-10; 19-24

MESSAGE David Brock
"Discerning Truth and Practicing Love"

COMMUNION AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:17-18)

* SONG OF DEDICATION #267
"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

* BENEDICTION David Brock

* POSTLUDE #243
"Emmanuel"

* All who are able may stand

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY – CHOIR PRACTICE – 5:00 p.m. to practice music for the Christmas Eve service.

MONDAY – WALKING GROUP – 10:00 a.m. in the Family Center.

TUESDAY – MUSIC COMMITTEE – 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – WALKING GROUP – 10:00 a.m. in the Family Center.

WEDNESDAY – ADVENT NIGHT – 6:00 p.m. Soup and fellowship followed by working on ceramic crafts. This is for all ages.

THURSDAY – CROCHET GROUP – 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – CHILDREN'S PROGRAM during worship.

NEXT SUNDAY – ALL CHURCH HOLIDAY DINNER immediately following worship. The church will provide the meat, drinks, and table service. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a **Prayer Concern or Celebration** that you would like to share, please fill out, sign, and date a green card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You may pick up a sheet listing Prayer Concerns in the Welcome Center or at the west door.

Children's Program – Practice for program will be December 1 and 8 during Sunday School. The program will be December 8 during the worship service.

Children's Choir – We will continue to have weekly practice for any school aged children who would like to sing in the Christmas Eve service. It will be downstairs after the Children's Message during Junior Church time.

Christmas Fellowship Dinner – We will be having our dinner immediately following worship on December 8. The church will provide the meat, drinks, and table service. Please bring your favorite side or dessert to share. If you prefer to donate towards the purchase of the meat, that is fine too.

Life Lifter to Share: "I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake." *1 John 2:12 (ESV)*

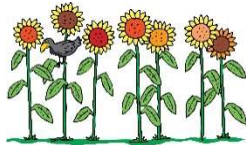
Happy Birthday to: Sonja Coffman, Chris Garner, Dec. 3; Libby Henshaw, Dec. 4; Gus Upchurch (19th), Dec. 7.

Happy Anniversary to: Scott & Julia Bouslog, Dec. 5.

Greeters: David & Rita Reeves

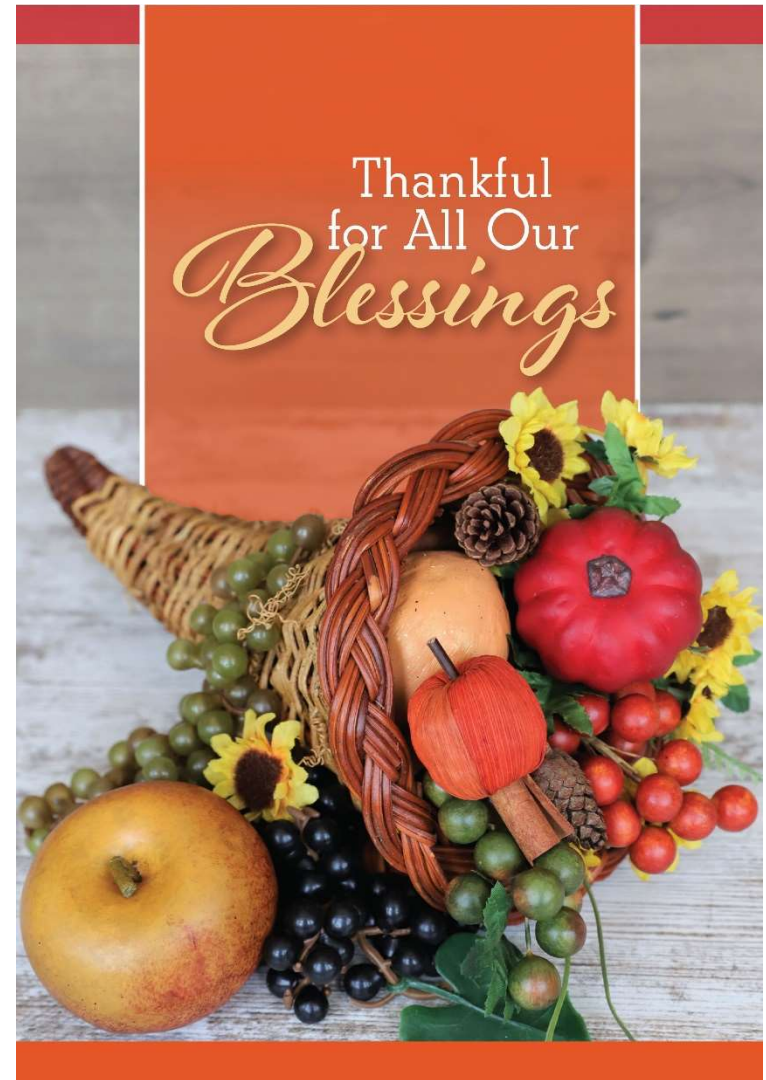
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Weekly Devotional by Barb Meade at www.spicelandfriends.org

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