

Prayer Concerns

Undergoing Cancer Treatment

Gary Bass
Diane Batts
Brian Campbell
Brenda Downey
Amy Greene
Diana Grizzard
Becky Herndon
Pastor Marcia Kifer
Lynn Kyle
Kevin O'Brien
Dennis Parrish
Pam Spell
Janey Stephens
Mareva Taylor
Shawn West
Barbara Whaley
Scott (Don & Ophelia's nephew)

Those With Medical Concerns

Ann Baker
Harriett Bennett
Charles Bethea
Betty Daniel
Mariano Enriquez
Brian Hansen
Dorris Haupe
Tassie Jones
Lotis Joyner
Edwina Kaeser
Chris Musser
Becky Norris
Coalter Paxton & Family

John Perkins
Wayne Proctor
Derek Ricks
Scott Rutter
Bailey Thomas
Joyce Wells— surgery
Linda Wheeler
Emmie West
Joyce Winstead
Ongoing Prayer Needs
Jeff & Kathy Creech
Alphine and Mariano Enriquez
David & Binky Haley
Wayne Holland
Alex Lamm, Sandy Lamm's son
Steve Rutter
Brian Sparrow
Don & Ophelia Taylor
Mary Walston & Family
Danny Wilson

Homebound
Sue Morris, Andrew Preston,
Jean Proctor, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Lamb, Winnie McVey, Austin & Ruby Newcombe, Vurgie Windham, Malarly Rowe

Those Who are Mourning

Family of Bonnie Howard
Family of Austin Pittman
Family of Clarence Proctor
Family of Meredith Renfrow



*C*ome, Grow Closer to God with Us.

You are welcome here,
accepted here, nurtured here!

Serving You in Worship Today:

Rev. Patrick Murphy, Pastor
Sandy Pittman, Minister of Music
Marty Johnson, Minister of Children & Youth
Faye Jones, Pianist
Joyce Wolfe, Organist
Liturgist, Jodi Ruotolo

All students and teachers at Vick Elementary
Health Care Workers, First Responders, and Military Personnel
and our Church.

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

†Please stand as you are able.

†GATHERING MUSIC *Emmanuel* UMH 204

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Marty Johnson

TIME OF PREPARATION *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP Jodi Ruotolo

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord. Let our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

People: For the Mighty One has done great things, and holy is God's name;

Leader: Indeed, God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: God brings down the powerful from their thrones and lifts up the lowly.

All: Come, let us adore him!

OPENING PRAYER Jodi Ruotolo

†OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* UMH 211
Stanzas 1-3,7

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Sandy & Denise Lamm

CHILDREN'S TIME Marty Johnson

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN
This Little Light of Mine

SPECIAL MUSIC *Waiting for the Light* L. Baker
WAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Jodi Ruotolo

We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy Scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to each of us, and grant that by the power of your Spirit we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 7:10-16 Jodi Ruotolo

ANTHEM *Angels Came to Earth One Night* Choplin

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 1:18-25 Pastor Patrick

SERMON "Peculiar Ways" Pastor Patrick

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON & PEACE

OFFERTORY *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. John Behnke
Grace Notes

†DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG C. Wesley, arr. Sara Groves

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Brittany & Patrick Murphy

†CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209
(tune of O Little Town of Bethlehem)

†BENEDICTION Pastor Patrick

TIME OF SENDING FORTH setting by Arnold Sherman

Bell Carol Fantasy

Grace Notes

Please be seated to enjoy the festive Postlude

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