

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and thank you for joining us for the livestream of our worship service. We are in the third week of a four-week suspension of in-person worship services. As of now, we are suspended through next Sunday, December 13th. At this time, we do not know if the shutdown will be extended, but we will let you know as soon as a decision is made.

Thank you for your great response to our goal of collecting 600 boxes of cereal for the Backpack Project. We exceeded the goal by almost 400 boxes!

Thank you to all who supported the CWF sale, and to the CWF for their work to support the Disciples Mission Fund.

Although we will not have an Angel Tree set up in the FCC narthex this year, we encourage you to adopt an Angel from the Salvation Army. Children and families in our community still need your support. You may pick up Angel Tree names from Kroger or American Rental in Governor's Square.

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to help with Angel Tree gift packing and distribution beginning Thanksgiving week. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up by emailing me at chrissymhudson1@gmail.com or calling the church office. I will pass the list along to the Salvation Army who will contact volunteers to coordinate dates/times/responsibilities.

In lieu of food baskets and Angel Tree gifts, the church will distribute gift cards this year. If you know of anyone who is in need, contact Dave or the church office.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship – The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle – Kathy Nichols and Bill Stover

Matthew 1:18-25

Christmas Carol – The Advent of Our God

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please remember the family of Jo Ann Bishop, Henrietta Hardin's sister, who passed away on Tuesday morning.

Kim Arrington had hip replacement surgery on Friday and all went well.

Greg Bunten will have knee surgery on December 14th.

Wanda Stivers will have surgery on December 16th.

Marsha James will have heart surgery for valve replacement. She has not yet received the date for the surgery but it will be in the next few weeks.

Racene and Bert Patterson's grandson, Maddox had several last week and all the tests came back fine and revealed nothing out of the ordinary. They will continue to monitor him but as of now he looks to be doing fine.

Emma Jones has been receiving tests in recent days, and one of the test results is due tomorrow. She would appreciate your prayers for a good result.

David is out today after injuring his knee. We appreciate Denise playing for us today in his absence.

Please keep in your prayers the staff of the Shelby County schools, students, and families.

If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list, copies can be downloaded from the church web site.

Morning Prayer

Special Music – Singers

Message – Dave Charlton

Message Title – *A Light in the Darkness: Peace*

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:8-14

⁸ *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.*

⁹ *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

¹⁰ *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*

¹¹ *Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.*

¹² *This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

¹³ *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ *“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*

Invitation Hymn – Christmas Carol Medley – It Came Upon A Midnight Clear/Angels From the Realms of Glory

Offering Meditation – Dave

One autumn day in 2006 14-year-old Hannah Salwen was on her way home from a sleepover when they stopped at a busy intersection near their home. On one side of the car was a homeless man was sitting in front of fence holding a cardboard sign. On the other side was a man in a black Mercedes convertible. Hannah said to her father, *if that man had a less nice car, that man there could have a meal.* Three nights later, at dinner, she suggested that the family sell their home, buy a smaller one, and give away the proceeds. That’s exactly what they did – a \$2 million dollar home. Her mother also quit her job – with an annual salary of more than \$500,000, a pay cut of 95% – to become a teacher. The larger story of their journey is fascinating, but there assessment was that their family had been losing their soul. I think I remember Jesus saying something about that.

Offering Prayer

God of every good gift, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves, and in so doing may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. In the name of Christ we pray, amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

Joseph Campbell once said *we must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us.* That sounds a lot like the life Jesus was referring to when he said, *for whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it* (Matthew 16:25).

Prayer for the bread and cup.

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The Lord's Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Words of institution – *when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.”*
And he took the cup also and said, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Benediction Song – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. Amen
– Ray Pritchard

Arrington, Kim upcoming hip replacement surgery

Bailey, Helen homebound

Baker, Jeanie cancer

Baxter, Johnny stomach cancer, son of Jessie Baxter

Beach, James COVID (Bonnie Beach's father)

Beagle, Susan Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville

Beckley, Greg, Alzheimer's

Bishop, JoAnn Alzheimer's, Henrietta Hardin's sister

Bolden, Michael health concerns

Carpenter, Karen liver and lung cancer, friend of Suzi and Bob Roth

Clausen, Rich beginning radiation treatments, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Donahue, Barbara MS

Donahue, Buddy cancer

Farris, Ben cancer

Griffith, Linda health issues

Harris, Gloria health, Julie Mulcahy's mother

Hipple, Mary Dale recent surgery and recovery

Howell, Brooks infant with incurable disease

Hower, Tommy health

Hudson, Chris wound on leg

Hundley, LaMar and Valorie health

Jennings, Harriet very sore after recent fall

Lancaster, Grant heart issues, friend of Vicki and Glen Wright

Lassley, Laurie gall bladder cancer, begins treatment Monday

Leismer, Jim stroke, brother-in-law of Nancy Kirk

the family and friends of **Deanie Logan**

Long, Annie cancer

Loprindi, Kristina stage 4 ovarian cancer

Lyons, Ida Crescent Place

Mackens, James back surgery, son-in-law of Rochelle Phillips

Mattson, Chad heart attack and stents

McGuire, Thelma health

Miles, Donna recovery from surgery

Minner, Pat chemo treatments for lung cancer, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Moffatt, Bruce health issues

Nation, Nellie Amber Oaks, has been diagnosed with COVID

Newton, Mary Jo treatment for breast cancer (Ken Slucher's sister)

Ratliff, George military

Roach, Larry Crescent Place, Linda Griffith's brother

Sanders, Cindy cancer

Sandy surgery and treatment for breast cancer, Henrietta Hardin's nephew's significant other

Shaver, Marty Crescent Place

Deborah Smith's Aunt Lonja diagnosed with COVID and pneumonia

Smith, Michelle upcoming knee replacement surgery

Smith, Nell Legacy at English Station

Smith, Terea dialysis patient with issues regarding her shunt

Summers, Andi shoulder replacement surgery Tuesday, October 6

Taylor, Nancye homebound

Tindall, Trish critical but stable condition with COVID and pneumonia

Tipton, Barbara Crescent Place

Tom and Nicole Covid diagnosis (brother and niece of Joanne Burke)

Wainscott, Diana breast cancer, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law

Webb, Devon seriously injured in car accident

Williams, Jay juvenile diabetes

Williams, Linda cancer

Williams, Pat and Mille COVID (relatives of Pam Ashby)

Wright, Tommy recovering from a severe head injury

Wright, Vickie broken femur and other health issues

Sunday, December 6, 2020

the Diersen Center staff and residents

SCPS students, staff and faculty