

December 2023

Sharing the love of God through

Jesus Christ



**COMING FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2023**

\*Our ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERIES is an adaptation of “**The Gift of Being Present,”** designed by Marcia McFee of Worship Design Studios. Sometimes we overlook the greatest gift of all: The Gift of Being Present. Join us each Sunday of Advent as we prepare for Christmas through this special worship series.

\*CHRISTMAS BANQUET Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Put on your festive sweater and join us for good food and fun, including Christmas carols led by the Men’s Quartet and decorating the Christmas tree.

\*Our CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT is **“Warmth in Winter.”** During December we’re collecting new hats, gloves and scarves for the needy of all ages. Bring your donations to church and place them on the Christmas tree in our Welcome Center. At the end of the season, we’ll be donating them to The Place here in Cumming.

\*ADVENT BIBLE STUDY **Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph.** Joseph’s place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join us in the Club House on Tuesday mornings (times vary) or Tuesday evenings at 6:30, December 5, 12 and 19th.

**\***CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHTING SERVICE, 5:00 p.m. on December 24th. Join us for this short service featuring special music including singing “Silent Night” by candlelight.

 Prayer Line **** Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:13-14

If you have a need for special prayer, please call or text Jennifer Wisniewski at 404-226-0023. If you would like to be on the prayer chain call Jennifer or the Church Office (770- 844-7095) and your name will be added to the list.

Calling Post, who sends out our prayer line messages, has recently changed the phone numbers the calls are being sent from. If you have any kind of call screening or blocking on your phone and you are having trouble getting prayer line messages, please add the following as safe numbers (405) 669-9959, (405) 669-9890 and (405) 669-9887.

A Prayer for Christmas

God give us eyes this Christmas

to see the Christmas Star,

And give us ears to hear the song

of angels from afar.

And, with our eyes and ears attuned

for a message from above,

Let “Christmas Angels” speak to us

of hope and faith and love.

Hope to light our pathway

when the way ahead is dark,

Hope to sing through stormy days

with the sweetness of the lark,

Faith to trust in the things unseen

and know beyond all seeing

That it is in our Father’s love

we live and have our being,

And love to break down barriers

of color, race, and creed,

Love to see and understand

And help all those in need.

Birthdays & Anniversaries and Worship Servants

Birthdays Anniversaries

December 9 - Jason Murphy December 9 - Kelley & Dianna Tribble

December 12 -Wendy Jones December 17- Morris & Debra Williams

December 13 - Doris Holbrook December 18 - Wesley & Linda

Wanda Garmon Walraven

December 14 - Will Ross

December 15 - Sue Tribble

December 16 -Tammy McGrady

December 20 - Pastor Dana Acolytes

December 22 - Byron Garmon December 3 - Marielle Sacca

December 26 - Amy Faulkenberry December 10 - Paige Restrepo

December 29 - Jane Martin December 17 - Lucas Restrepo

Kathy Holbrooks December 24 - Marielle Sacca

December 30 - Mary Cothran December 31 - Elijah Banks

December 31 - Brandy Banks

Greeters/Ushers Liturgists

December 3 - Steve Massie & Terry Holbrook December 3 - Pastor Dana

December 10 - Morris Williams & Brandy Banks December 10 -Don Putnam

December 17- Wesley Walraven & David Smith December 17- Mary

December 24 - Tammy McGrady & Seth Steinberg Cheatham

December 24 - Paul Cheatham December 31 -Diane Gilbert

Counters

Chris Bannon & Terry Holbrook

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| **33** |  | **10-Women’s Bible Study**  **6:30 Bible Study**  **6:30- Bible Study** | **7-Choir** | **9-1- Busy Bee Sewing Bee (CH)** |  | **9-12- Church Work Day**  **9-12- Quilters** |
| **3** |  | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** |
| 10:30- Worship  5:00- Christmas  Banquet |  | **10-Women’s Bible Study (CH)**  **6:30- Advent Bible Study** | **6:30Choir** | **9-1- Busy Bee Sewing Bee (CH)**  **7-9- Cumming Sunsetter Quilters (CH)** |  |  |
| **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| **10:30-Worship** | **10:00- Bake Cookies** | **10-Women’s Bible Study (CH)**  **6:30- Advent Bible Study** | **6:30-Choir** | **9-1- Busy Bee Sewing Bee (CH)** |  |  |
| **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **2 3** |
| **10:30-Worship** | **12:30-Women’s Group @ Diane Gilbert’s Home** | **10-Women’s Bible Study (CH)**  **6:30- Advent Bible Study** | **6:30-Choir** | **9-1- Busy Bee Sewing Bee (CH)** |  |  |
| **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** |
| **10:30- Worship**    **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **31**  **10:30- Worship** | **10:00- Decorate for Christmas** | **10-Women’s Bible Study (CH)** | **6:30-Choir** | **9-1 Busy Bee Sewing Be(CH)** |  |  |

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