account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

For Christians, this passage from Isaiah reflects the sufferings of Jesus, who saved us from our sins by His death on the cross, and by His resurrection from the dead. In ancient times, holly and ivy were considered signs of Christ's passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns; the red berries, the blood of the Savior; and the bitter bark, the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we place the holly and ivy, let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
THE HOLLY & THE IVY
ENGLISH TRADITIONAL CAROL
EITED & ARR. BY REGINALD JACQUES & DAVID WILLCOCKS
(PLEASE SEE SCREEN FOR LYRICS)

SCRIPTURE READING & DEVOTIONAL
REV. LARAINE WAUGHTAL
JOHN 1: 1-5, 9-14
(PLEASE SEE SCREEN FOR READING)

BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON
(PLEASE SEE SCREEN FOR COMMUNION LITURGY)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMING & SHARING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM
COMMUNION MEDLEY
WORDS & MUSIC SELECTED BY CAMERON CRAIG

HYMN OF INVITATION
COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS
UMH #196
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY
MUSIC BY ROWLAND H. PRICHARD
1.Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
JOY TO THE WORLD
UMH #246, v.1
WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS
MUSIC ARR. BY G.F. HANDEL
1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

POSTLUDE
PEOPLE LOOK EAST
BY ELEANOR FARJEON & MARTIN SHAWN
(MARY:202)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026
COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY & ONLINE 10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE

THE HOLLY & THE IVY
18TH CENTURY ENGLISH CAROL
ARR. BY PHILLIP KEVEREN
(MARY:14)

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER TO ADVENT IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL
UMH #204, v. 1
WORDS AND MUSIC BY JANE MARSHALL
1. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

DAVID HARDESTY
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.
Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.
Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - THE LUTTRELL FAMILY
ISAIAH 60:2-3

“For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation. O come, O come Emmanuel!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL
UMH #211, v. 1,2, & 4
WORDS BY HENRY SLOANE COFFIN & LAURENCE HILL STOOKEY
MUSIC BY THOMAS HELMORE
1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. **[Refrain]**
4. O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. **[Refrain]**

SCRIPTURE READING - LEXI BOHMS WITH PHYLLIS BLANTON
JEREMIAH 23: 5-6

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

In ancient times the cedar was revered as the tree of royalty. It also signified immortality and was used for purification. We place this cedar branch as a sign of Christ, who reigns as King forever, and who’s coming, in justice and righteousness, will purify our hearts.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

AWAY IN A MANGER
UMH #217, v. 3
WORDS BY ANONYMOUS
MUSIC BY JAMES R. MURRAY
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD’S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
UMH #94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

DAVID HARDESTY
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - STEPHANIE CHAVEZ WITH LARUE LUTTRELL & SUSAN MYERS
ISAIAH 9: 2, 6-7

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined…For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

Because the needles of pine and fir trees appear not to die each season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. Therefore, we hang these wreaths of evergreens shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, to signify the eternal sign of Jesus, the Christ.

HYMN OF FAITH

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST
UMH #202
WORDS BY ELEANOR FARJEON
MUSIC FROM *MARTIN SHAW*
1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.
4. Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

SCRIPTURE READING - RYNE ROBINSON WITH ADDY, REESE, & LILIAN ROBINSON
ISAIAH 53:1-6

“Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no

Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Family & Friends of
Norman Still
Lynn Clayton

Thanksgiving Travelers
Liz Savant
Doris Womble
Debbie - bone marrow transplant
Mary Sthulman
(K. Allen)
John Joiner
(B. Nease)
Karen Iverson
(C. Iles)
Seth McCullough
Victor Martin
Billy Launey
(M. Launey)
Dawson Wilkinson
(M. Lord)
Uncle Peanut
(H. Martin)
Veronica Allen
John
(L. Luttrell)
Mark Davis
(R. Robinson)
Erlene Howell
(T. Craig)
Gaylyn
David Hardesty
John Raimer
Helen Teel
Wayne Koehler
(K. Allen)
Rickey Robertson
Richard Stutes
(S. Wertz)
Darrell Midkiff
Margaret Manual
(F. Cole)
Rebecca Kindler
(D. Kindler)
Liz Harper
(B. Hammerschmidt)
Jody Kimball
Linda Blanton
(P. Blanton)
Kathy Bosley
(R. McCullough)
Addison Wymer
Steven Graham
Evelyna Smith
(J. Lewis)
Bob Brown
(D. Hardesty)
Rev. Laraine Waughtal

Francey Hooton
Judy Anderson
(C. Taylor)
Debra Smith
(D. & V. Allen)
Heinrich Deinhardt
Barbara Haynes
Gayle Bailey
Stacey Green Self
Vicki Bass
Linda Temple
David Prather
David Bell
(D. Penney)
Blaline Brown & Family
(V. Lord)
Dawson Wilkerson
Sandy Greene
Hubert Kleinpeter
Tony Leach
(B. Martin)
Michelle Lourd
(L. Robinson)
Ronnie Cuevas
(M. Bailey)
Ruth Wells
(B. Vaughn)
Melissa Alford
(K. & M. Allen)
Erin Alford
(M. & K. Allen)
Kristin Hebert-Fisher
Alyssa Bourg
(L. Robinson)
Dale Tate
(L. Robinson)
Michael Brock
(R. Brock)
Lyndal Stracener
(L. Luttrell)
Brooklyn Wilkerson
(K. Allen)
Michael Alleva
(L. Robinson)
Terry Cavenaugh
(S. Chavez)
Paul
(D. Hardesty)
Dawn Brown
Summer Leer
Doug Heldabernt
Ginger Morton
Rick & Lisa Poteet
Don Preston
Gene Hutchins
(J. Rathburn)
Henry Lee Fennick
(D. Hardesty)
James Sandifer

Diane Smith
(Scotty N.)
Neil Pruitt
Sandy Carver
Burn Rourke
Shanell Handy
Susan Garrett
Tanya Alvarez
Morgan Brunette
Brenda Lane
(J. Rathburn)
Judy Allison
Harley Grandpa
Lou Leedom
Mimi Dobbs
(M. Allen)
Kathy Wells
Austin Wally
(R. Robinson)
Mark Herring
(J. Meadows)
Gary Kinner
(P. Blanton)
Cindy Tilly Harbinson
(D. McCullough)
Jon Bailey
Grady Collins
(J. Lewis)
James Giddens
Deanna Commingore
(Roger's Cousin)
Stephen Mark
Mary Isgett
(P. Blanton)
Sara Sellers
John Warner
Charley Sfinsley
(J. Everett)
Linda & Tommy Willis
(D.McCullough)
Rene Collenger
Danny Hernandez
Oliver Buckwalter
(L. Kulaga)
Keith Johnson
Harriett Bishop
(B. Bishop)
Greg Cochran
(S. Chavez)
Alexandra Normand
(J. Rathburn)
Earline Fontenot
(D. & R. Guillory)
Kasey Marks
(P. Blanton)
Karen Miller
(S. Myers)
James Wilkinson

Charles Robinson
Janet Smith
Brenda & Ricky Burgess
Dawson Wilkinson
Bella Aymond
Richard Broom
Wendy Strickland
Barbara Phillips
Christopher James
Sharon Rexrode
Hanna Jadar
Dora Prichard
Freddy Carter
(R. Robinson)
Rusty Broussard
(D. Guillory)
Dewight Burks
(S. Lambert)
Sheri Basher
Jacque Cash
(M.Bailey)
Denise Newon
Earl Jorden
Joseph West
(P. Blanton)
Evelyn Garren
Chelsey & Davis Daughtry
Ryan Hollingsworth
Gary & Sharon James
Alexis Brooks
(C.Scott)
Brad Simpson
(V. Allen)
Robert Jarrell
Kaylynn & Cade Jackson
Nancy (Carol B.)
Cindy Smith
Paul Jeans
Doug Lavish
Hadley Mazilley
Mary Justilien
Valerie Hanchey
Evan Matthis
Brett Peavy
Patricia McNeill
(L. Savant)
Derek Townsend
(C. Scott)
Kimberly Marsha

Praises:
Michelle Lord's new grand daughter
Bake Sale
(B. Nease)
Ted Hammerschmidt
(J. Lewis)

WEEKLY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens Service with Communion in the Sanctuary & Online
11:15 AM Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary
2:30 PM Bus Barn Riders at the Bus Barn

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th
5:45 PM SPR Meeting in the Choir Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st
9:45 AM MCLC Chapel in the Sanctuary
5:45 PM Guidance Team Meeting in the Choir Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd
8:00 AM Facebook Morning Devotional with Rev. Laraine
11:00 AM Advent Bible Study in Upper Room, Chapter 1
4:45 PM Children's Choir in the Choir Room
5:00 PM Pizza & Birthday Celebrations in Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Advent Bible Study in Upper Room, Chapter 1
6:00 PM Children & Youth Lesson
7:00 PM Choir Practice in the Choir Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
9:30 AM MCLC Library Readings & Crafts
6:30 PM Girl Scouts in the Conference Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th
9:00 AM Breakfast with Santa in Fellowship Hall - Session 1
10:30 AM Breakfast with Santa in Fellowship Hall - Session 2
5:00 PM Miracle on Washington Street Christmas Parade

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th - 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM Sunday School Classes in Fellowship Hall Building
10:00 AM Sunday Christmas Carol Concert in Sanctuary & Online
2:30 PM Bus Barn Riders at Bus Barn

WEEKLY WORKOUT SCHEDULE

Sunday - Monday
Basketball Association of DeRidder - Gym 5:30 PM
Monday - Friday
Aerobics/Yoga Class - Gym 8:00 AM
Monday-Friday
Free Walking Time - Gym 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday
Kasey's Zumba Class - Wesley Center 5:30 PM
Tuesday
Granny Basketball - Gym 5:30 PM
Tuesday & Thursday
Basketball Association of DeRidder - Gym 6:30 PM

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