#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

# WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

**PRELUDE** "Vom Himmel Hoch Da Komm Ich Her" by F.W. Marpurg

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hey, people of God. Open your eyes, get ready, keep alert, something big is happening.

## P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

L: Stop what you are doing. Don't be busy just to be busy. Take time for the deeper things of life.

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L: Christ is coming. Christ is breaking into our lives... into our stuck-in-mud habits and negative thoughts.

P: Christ is coming. Christ is coming for all of us- to make all things new! Prepare the way of the Lord.

**CHORAL INTERLUDE** Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: Be strong, take heart. (Taize)

ADVENT PRAYER see insert

\*HYMN "We've A Story To Tell The Nations" UMH #569

# **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE**Linda Watts We light this candle as a sign of the prophets. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

ADVENT SONG vss. 1 & 2 see insert

GATHERING SONG "Where Children Belong" TFWS #2233 CHILDREN'S SERMON Kristen Rhyner

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS & MORNING PRAYER**

Response: L: We wait for you, Lord. A: Come and save us.

#### THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "Of The Father's Love Begotten" by Robert Lind Irma Van Scoy, FLUTE

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

\*HYMN "All Earth Is Waiting" UMH #210

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3: 1-12 Pew Bible NT page 3

**HOMILY** Rev Tom Wall

#### \*HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

Our method of receiving the sacrament is (Intinction) to come forward, hands outstretched, palms upward. Receive the element of bread, touch it lightly to the juice in the cup, and consume it. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and we will happily bring communion to you.

\*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

UMH #211

#### **BENEDICTION**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace" Don Besig and Nancy Price Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love

#### \*THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Camille Jones

#### **ACOLYTE**

**Evelyn Sellers** 

#### **Nursery Helper**

Jane Wall

#### **AV TECH**

Lisa Fisher

#### **USHERS**

Judy Hutchinson Barney Lindley

#### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Adele Bonnette & Cynthia Hutchison Diane Rollison & Neal Asman

#### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Allan Rish

# THIS WEEK AT CAYCE UMC COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

December 7

5:30 pm Spiritual Life Group

December 8
6:00 pm SPRC

December 9
6:00 pm Trustees

\*\*Offering envelopes are available in the pews for your use.

#### CAYCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Tom Wall, Pastor
Mrs. Debbie McDonald, Pastoral Assistant
Ms. Camille Jones, Director of Music Ministries
Ms. Kathryn Williams, Hand Bell Choir Director
Mrs. Cynthia Hutchison, Office Administrator
Mrs. Ashley Wise, Nursery Coordinator
Rev. Sam Harmon, Pastor Emeritus
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# **December 7, 2025**

The mission of
Cayce United Methodist Church
is to change lives and transform communities
for Christ.

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship







<sup>\*(</sup>congregation standing as able)

<sup>\*</sup>Parents, please accompany your child if they leave the worship area during the service.

#### **WELCOME GUESTS**

We are pleased to have you as our guests today at Cayce United Methodist Church. If you are looking for a church home, please see the pastor following the worship service. If you need assistance, please see one of our ushers.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Keith & Sabrina Williams in honor of their 41st wedding anniversary and by Cathy & Jay Coker in honor of Alice Steward on her December 13th birthday.

Altar flowers available on Sundays in January 2026

January 4 - both vases

January 11 - both vases

January 18 - both vases

January 25 - both vases

If you would like to donate flowers, please contact the church office at 803-794-3200 or email us at <a href="mailto:cayceumcoffice@gmail.com">cayceumcoffice@gmail.com</a>.

| IN ATTENDANCE   |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| November 16     | November 23     |
| Sunday School63 | Sunday School58 |
| Worship68       | Worship71       |
| Online436       | Online          |
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## **ONLINE GIVING**

We are pleased to inform you that our church now offers a convenient QR code option. By simply scanning this code using your phone's camera, you will be directed to our church giving website.





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We hope that all of you will be in worship on that day to come celebrate and praise the Lord through the word and song of God by the people of God.

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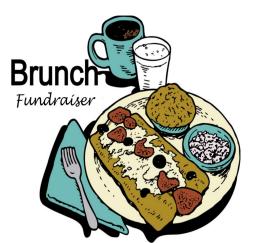
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# YOUTH FUNDRAISER Sunday, December 7

Join our Youth for a fundraiser brunch this **Sunday, December 7th** in Chamber's Hall immediately following worship. The menu will be breakfast casseroles, fruit, danishes, milk, juice and coffee. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Donations will be accepted to help towards their Winter Retreat to Lake Junaluska. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Communion & Candlelight

5:00 PM



Jeff & Cynthia Hutchison



Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation and Pastor Tom for all the calls, texts, cards, visits and food during Jeff's back surgery and his recovery. A special thank you to Room 32 for all their love and support. I would like to especially thank Lynn Hutchinson for coming to the hospital to sit with me while Jeff was in surgery. It means so much to be a part of a church with a very BIG HEART. Thank you!

With love.



# **Project Share**

God's Helping Hands "Angel Tree Ministry" will be focusing again this year on helping our neighbors. GHH has determined that helping to pay heating/electric bills is the most pressing need again this year. The GHH Angel tree is now displayed in the sanctuary. Our tree is decorated with envelopes for you to use to make your donations. Please make your check payable to "God's Helping Hands Project Share". These funds will be used in addition to the regular funds that GHH uses to assist people. We will collect these through the end of the year.



# **Advent Prayer** (Wild Goose)

\* (Close, then open your eyes)

Open our eyes, Lord, especially if they are half shut because we are tired of looking, or half open because we fear to see too much, or bleary with tears because yesterday and today and tomorrow are filled with the same pain, or contracted, because we only look at what we want to see. \*(Pause)

Open our eyes, Lord, to gently scan the life we lead, the hone we have, the world we inhabit, and so to find, among the gremlins and the greyness, signs of hope we can fasten on and encourage. \*(Pause)

Give us, whose eyes are dimmed by familiarity, a bigger vision of what you can do even with hopeless cases and lost causes and people of limited ability. \*(Pause)

Show us the world as in your sight, riddled by debt, deceit and disbelief, yet also shot through with possibility for recovery, renewal, redemption. \*(Pause)

And lest we fail to distinguish vision from fantasy, today, tomorrow, this week, open our eyes to one person or one place, where we - being even for a moment prophetic - might identify and accept a gift in the waiting. \*(Pause)

And with all this, open our eyes, in yearning, for Jesus. (Pause)

On the mountains, in the cities, through the corridors of power and streets of despair, to help, to heal, to confront, to convert, O come, O come, Emmanuel. Amen.

## Holly and the Ivy

(Refrain) The Holly and the Ivy Are dancing in a ring Round the brightly burning candles And the white and shining King

- 1. And One is for god's people
  And for the light they bring
  They are candles in the darkness
  All alight for Christ the King
- 2. And Two is for the Prophets
  And for every age and day
  They are watching for his coming
  They believe and they obey
- 3. And Three's for John the Baptist
  He calls on us to sing
  Oh, prepare the way for Jesus Christ
  He is coming Christ the King
- 4. And Four's for mother Mary I can not see the way
  But you promised me a baby I believe you, I obey
- 5. And Christ is in the centre
  For this is his birthday
  With the shining lights of Christmas
  Singing he has come today

Refrain

# **Everyone** is invited to join us for



Sunday, December 7th 3:00 - 5:00 pm

