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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

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From Pastor Mike....

Merry Christmas! This is a greeting and sentiment you will hear often over the next few weeks. Well, you will hear it from Christians and folks who ascribe to a more traditional view of Christmas. I believe our traditions and customs are important. I know, for me, that the traditions that my parents followed in the observance of Christmas made it a very special time of the year. Those experiences shaped my life and gave Christmas a sense of wonderment and awe that still brings me joy and amazement. I still love to lay beneath a live Christmas tree and enjoy the sight of the lights and ornaments while smelling the pungent aroma. I love to drive through the city streets and see all the houses lit up and sparkling in the darkness. As I mentioned several Sunday's ago in worship service, the Sears and Roebuck Christmas Catalog is sorely missed and a wonderful childhood memory. Some of my memories are diminished due to the loss of family members but they are forever alive in my heart and in my spirit. I believe these traditions and remembrances are a vital part of the gift that Christmas is and always will be.

Many of my memories revolve around activities and worship experiences at church. I love singing the beautiful Christmas carols that we only sing a few weeks out of the year. I can hardly wait to join my church family in singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Joy to the World". I am looking forward to sharing these songs with you but also exploring the songs of Mary, Zacharias, John, the Angels, and of Simeon as we look at series of sermons I have titled, "The Songs of the Season". These songs will be lifted from the scriptures and help us experience the birth of the Messiah from a first-hand viewpoint during Advent and Christmastide. The Sanctuary Choir will be leading us in worship on Sunday morning December 22nd as they share with us both in song and drama. I don't want to miss that and neither do you. I always enjoy Christmas Eve Communion worship. This was one of the activities that I attended every year with my family and friends. The beauty of the candles and the lights on the Chrismon tree create an atmosphere that is just awe inspiring. It is as if one is back in Bethlehem waiting for that momentous occasion when God's son was born to bring peace and good-will to all humankind.

I hope you and your family will join us on December 24th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary for a truly special time of worship. I believe if we listen carefully, we will hear the angels' voices proclaiming the "Good News" of a Savior born to the world.

Now I know the gifts, the presents, and all the time spent looking and searching for that perfect gift to show love and affection is important. I also understand that spending time with family and loved ones is an integral part of the Christmas celebration. However, let us never forget that the whole meaning of Christmas is wrapped up in one very special gift. That gift was God's only begotten son that opened the door for each of us to find salvation through this child and to live a joyous and productive life in relationship with God the Father. God gave us life, grace, meaning, and purpose all wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Let the festivities begin and may your Christmastide be bright as the "Light of the World" shines both on you and in you. Merry Christmas!

Archdale Methodist Women:

- The December Archdale Methodist Women's circles will meet on Saturday, December 14, at 11:30 AM in the Community Room. Our guest speaker/entertainer will be Rachel Denny. There will be a short business session followed by a delicious lunch. All women of the church are invited. You do not have to be a circle member.
- The Methodist Women ask your help to provide personal items for COAT. Items that may be brought include: laundry detergent, tissues, disposable razors, lotion, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, women's hygiene items, etc. (NO BAR SOAP). Marcia Guffy said these items would be welcomed and COAT will happily give them out. These items may be placed in the COAT tubs by December 15.



Stephen Ministry

God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be interdependent.

God's Word is clear on this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words "one another". These verses include admonitions such as "love one another", "encourage one another", "build up one another" and "pray for one another". It is difficult for people to ask for help. Whether it is because of guilt, shame, inadequacy, or fear of rejection, many would much prefer to suffer alone than ask for help. The holiday season can be a very hard time for those who have lost loved ones in the past year or those going through illness or surgery. Make a special effort to be aware of those around you who may need just a kind, loving word.



Happy Birthday

12/01 Maxine Sechrest	12/17 Tim Coggins
12/02 Laynie Jo McCall	12/17 Lora Krpejs
12/02 Pete Smith	12/17 Nelly Smith
12/03 Vance Hollifield	12/18 Chris Colclough
12/03 Audy Parrish	12/19 Debbie Coltrane
12/04 Virginia Rothermel	12/19 Lori Lyons
12/05 John Hamilton	12/20 Joan Angel
12/05 Matt Watson	12/20 Michael Felder
12/07 Kip Johnson	12/21 Evan Gallimore
12/07 Libby McGavic	12/22 Mackenzie Blossom
12/07 Hoyt Nichols	12/22 Zach Thompson
12/07 Megan Smith	12/23 Aaron McKim
12/09 Abbey Cates	12/24 Angie Britt
12/09 Sandra Sanders	12/24 Keith Gallimore
12/10 Mike Allred	12/24 Barry Smith
12/10 Jay Aspley	12/24 Robin Sulfridge
12/10 Sam Brown	12/26 Richard Lambert
12/10 Jack Du	12/26 Kirby Mazoo
12/10 Wayne Huthmaker	12/26 John Todd
12/10 John Lynch	12/26 Linda Williams
12/10 Erin Simpson	12/28 Matthew Boles
12/11 Debbie Gaskey	12/28 Tanner Hamilton
12/11 Luke Johnson	12/28 Emily Romano
12/11 James Stanley	12/29 Adonna Paschal
12/12 Debbie Dean	12/29 Laurie Smith
12/13 Lindsay Wilson	12/29 Phyllis Wilson
12/14 Dot Johnson	12/29 Loretta Yates
12/14 Ethan Paschal	12/30 Ashley Boyle
12/15 Dee Hodgins	12/31 Trip Hale
12/15 Stephen White	12/31 Cathy Hunt
12/16 Peter Stevens	
12/16 Penny Stewart	
12/16 Brian Tickle	



Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins,
Mandy Forrester, Jack Hensley, Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, Jackie Stroud

Our Homebound Members are very important members of our congregation.

We would like to remind them they are remembered and thought of.
If you would like to send them a birthday card, thinking of you card, or give them a call, this would mean so much to each of our Homebound Members.

December 12 Debbie Dean
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Archdale Methodist Church Christmas Card Post Office Mailbox

The AMC post office box will be available again this year. It will be placed on the table outside the Wesley Room, from now through Sunday, December 22. Each week the cards will be sorted by Sunday school classrooms and placed in those rooms. In addition to the person's name, please put their classroom name on the front along with your name in the upper left corner. Cards for persons not in a Sunday school classroom will not be mailed, nor will cards for shut-in members.



Holiday Schedule

Christmas Cantata:
Sunday, Dec 22nd at 10:45am

Christmas Eve Service:
Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 6:30pm

Church Office Closed:
Wednesday, Christmas Day
Thursday, December 26th
Friday, December 27th



Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
11/03/2024	\$13,652.00	\$228,248.34	\$249,981.16	44	80	103
11/10/2024	\$4,231.00	\$232,479.34	\$255,662.55	45	73	91
11/17/2024	\$2,095.00	\$234,574.34	\$261,343.94	46	89	106
11/24/2024	\$2,519.00	\$237,093.34	\$267,025.33	47	78	100

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in Nov: \$500.00
Received to date: \$5,937.00