

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“THAT BOY-CHILD OF MARY”

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*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

* HYMN #218

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

SENDING FORTH

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES”

SCHALK

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of our grandchildren,
Morgan, Collin, Will, Rebecca, and Parker by Gail and Bobby Jones.*

College/Young Adults (25 and under)

Kathy Beeson is beginning a new Sunday School Class. The class will be studying the book “Sitting at the Feet of Jesus” by Ann Spangler. Class meets in large classroom of the youth lounge.

December 21: Meet at Teresa’s Mexican Restaurant on Boy Scout Road on Wednesday night at 7pm.

Youth Events for Christmas Break

December 18: Tacky Sweater Christmas Party at the Jeffers’ at 6:30 pm

December 19: Mall of Georgia Shopping Trip, 9 am-6 pm

December 22: Christmas Cookie Bake at the Jeffers’ from 2-5 pm

The Jeffers live at 3550 Stevens Way, Martinez, GA (706) 840-0628



**The church office will be closed December 22, 23, and 26 to observe Christmas.
Please submit your contributions for 2011 to the office by Friday, December 30, 2011 or
postmarked by December 31. After that date, it will be considered a 2012 contribution.**

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Christmas Eve Services

There will be candlelight services with communion at 5:00 and 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 24.

A special Christmas Eve Offering will be taken for Missions. There will be Missions envelopes available that evening. ***There will be one service on Christmas Day at 11:00 am and no Sunday School.***



Rev. John Pinson, Senior Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2011

8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS”

BURKHARDT

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #224

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”

GREETING AND PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*ADVENT WREATH: THE FOURTH CANDLE

Reader: "In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David." (Luke 2:1,3-4)

Reader: Today, we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knew to whom he belonged.

People: Today, we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881

**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 Pilate,
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.**

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you** (people greet one another).

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN #230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

PRAISE PRAYER AND MEDITATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM 8:30 am
 11:00 am

“Five Little Fingers”
“Bring a Torch”

Hill & Stiles
arr. Hobby

*GOSPEL LESSON
SERMON

LUKE 1:26-38
REV. PINSON