

## THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

\* HYMN #567

“Heralds of Christ”

## SENDING FORTH

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God in honor of and with thanksgiving for our children:  
Eric, Nathan, Rachel, and David by Beth and Gene Fisher.*



*White Christmas*  
Gifts and food donations are due at Church on Sunday, Dec. 4. Call Steve Zimmerman at (706) 650-0561 or [szimmerm@aug.edu](mailto:szimmerm@aug.edu) to volunteer to deliver gifts.

**Advent Bible Study, Begins December 4, with Emily Truan. Register on Education Bulletin Board.**

*Birthday Party for Jesus on December 4 at 5-6 pm in the FLC*

**Games, Dinner and Fellowship**

Mission focus: VA Christmas at Home. We would like each family to bring stocking stuffer items for wounded warriors: any small toiletry items, gift cards, playing cards, puzzle books, etc. A box will be set up to collect the items at the party.



## AUDITIONS

“Appointment in Jerusalem,” an original one-act play written and directed by Rick Davis and Tina Zimmerman, will be performed Sunday evening, January 22, in the Family Life Center. Cold reading auditions will be held immediately following the 11:00 service on Sunday, December 4, in the Multi-purpose Room. Open to all; no preparation necessary.

## Women’s Retreat

January 6 and 7, 2012 at Camp Bishop Gravatt in Aiken, SC

Guest Speaker is Rev. Katie Strals. Cost: \$80. Register with Sue Meehan at [Sue-meehan44@gmail.com](mailto:Sue-meehan44@gmail.com).

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Rev. John Pinson, Senior Pastor

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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NOVEMBER 27, 2011  
8:30 & 11:00 AM

## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #196

“COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS”

GREETING AND PRAYER

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*ADVENT WREATH: THE FIRST CANDLE

Reader: "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." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today, we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

**People: Today, we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

*(Light a purple candle.)*

CHORAL RESPONSE **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

\*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

JULIE LEWIS

\*HYMN # 140

“GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

PRAISE, PRAYER, AND MEDITATION, THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

8:30 AM  
11:00 AM

“PEOPLE, LOOK EAST”  
“SING A NEW SONG ”

FRENCH CAROL  
HOPSON

\*GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 13:24-37

SERMON

REV. PINSON