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Prayer Bulletin

Prayer Requests

Kaia Humphries • The family of Lois Woodward Pennington

Long Term

Lewis Allred • Gwin Barnes • Millicent Cuevas • Kaia Humphries • Jimmy & Marlena Johnson • Kristin Orr • Jane Palmer • Nancy Pylant • Stan Roberts • Lilah Taylor Kaia Humphries • Sybil Winborne

Church Calendar

Today

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Youth/Children

Monday

5:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Talowah)

Wednesday

10:00 am Mission Team

Friday

6:00 pm The Worst Best Little Christmas Pageant

Ever

Saturday

6:00 pm The Worst Best Little Christmas Pageant

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Next Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Celtic Lessons & Carols by Purvis

GMC & Parkway Heights UMC Choirs

12:00 pm Church Potluck Dinner celebrating Dr.

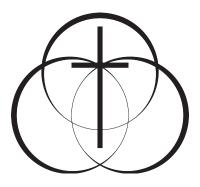
Mark Malone and Mr. Derek Meler.

4:00 pm Youth/Children

Friday & Saturday Night will be "The Worst Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever." Tickets are available for both nights, \$18/adults and \$12/children.

The Choir is performing "Celtic Lessons & Carols" at Parkway Heights UMC this morning. They will be joined with Parkway Heights Choir next Sunday to lead our worship here next Sunday, "Celtic Lessons & Carols."

PURVIS METHODIST CHURCH



December 8, 2024

Purvis Methodist

December 8, 2024 Color: Purple or Blue Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Gathering
Welcome and Congregational Life
Silent Prayer
Prelude

*Hymn #163 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Opening Prayer

Gracious and merciful God, we gather in Your presence with hearts full of gratitude, seeking Your light in this season of anticipation. Guide us as we prepare our lives for Christ's coming. Let Your mercy flow over us, renewing our hope and stirring in us a longing for Your peace. May this time of worship lead us to walk in Your ways, glorifying You in thought, word, and deed. In the name of Jesus Christ, our coming Savior, we pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*Passing of the Peace

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Alice Duke: Today, we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of preparation. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, we reflect on Zechariah's prophetic song, where he speaks of the role his son, John the Baptist, will play in preparing the way for the Lord.

Zechariah declares: "...to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Make straight paths for Him.

Alice Duke: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low.

People: The rough ground shall become level, and the rugged places a plain.

Alice Duke: The glory of the Lord will be revealed.

People: And all people will see it together.

Lord of light and mercy, we thank You for Your faithfulness through the generations. As we light this candle, may its flame illuminate our hearts, reminding us to prepare for Christ's coming. Help us to reflect Your light to the world and live in readiness for the fulfillment of Your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Special Music

Kathy Roberts

Offertory Prayer

God of abundant blessings, we bring our gifts to you as a sign of our trust in your promises. Use these offerings to bring hope, justice, and peace to a world in need. May our giving reflect the righteousness of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Hymn #179 "What Child Is This?" (v.1,3) Scripture Reading Luke 1:68-79

OGRP #696 Benedictus (Zechariah's Song)

Sermon

Invitation to Christian Discipleship
*Hymn #202

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"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

"The Dawn of Salvation"

*Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in His promises, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Go now in the assurance of His faithfulness and the expectation of His coming Kingdom. Amen.

*Postlude