

## Let Us Worship the Lord Together! Sunday, December 3, 2023, 10:45 a.m.

Announcements
Moments of Meditation

## We Have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ

Call to Worship "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (Hymn 96)

Celebration of Baptism

Christmas Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Hymn 86)

Mission Emphasis and Prayer

The First Sunday of Advent

**Advent Reading** 

Lighting the Candle of the Advocate Christ

Scripture: Isaiah 11.1-10

Christmas Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Hymn 100)

# If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

Message in Music Sanctuary Choir "Long Time Ago" Congregational Response "Emmanuel" (Hymn 82) Message from the Word of God (see insert, Pew Bible p. 874, 888, 944) Response to God

Commitment of Life and Tithes and Offerings\*

Meditation "Still, Still, Still"

Curtis Powell, Piano

Benediction Chorus "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Hymn 95)

### \* Offering and Communication Card Return:

Please place your offering and/or Communication Card in an offering box located at the exits. You may also give and respond online through acbc.churchtrac.com. (Or use the QR code on back of Communication Card.)



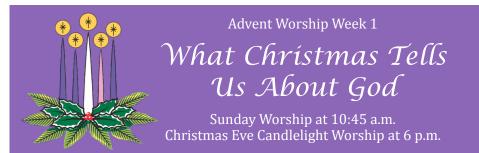
For hearing aid users, we have a hearing loop installed in the Sanctuary. Activate the t-coil in your hearing aid to take advantage of this system.

### Welcome to Ancient City Baptist Church!

**Guests,** we are glad you are here! We also invite you to complete the Communication Card to the right and place it in the offering box located at each exit as you leave the Sanctuary. **Members and regular attenders,** you are also encouraged to use the Communication Card for information updates, prayer requests, and other responses you may have.

## "Pray for one another..."

Do you desire prayer for yourself or others? Someone will be happy to pray for you or with you following worship. Come to the front of the Sanctuary (near the organ) immediately after the service with your prayer requests. If you would prefer to have special prayer at another time or have a request placed on our Prayer List, please let us know through the Communication



Card or by calling the church office.

Christmas is such a warm and wonderful time of the year. Our thoughts go to family and friends and gifts and more. But Christmas was God's idea. He was trying to tell us some important things. In this series, we explore just a part of *What Christmas Tells Us About God...* 

Date	Candle	Message/Feature	
12/3	The Advocate Christ	"God Is FOR Us"	
12/10	The Indwelling Christ	Choir Christmas Cantata	
12/17	The Immanuel Christ	"God Is WITH Us"	
12/24 (10:45 a.m.)	The Incarnational Christ	"God Is ONE OF Us"	
12/24 (6 p.m.)	The Christ Candle	"God Is IN Us"/Candlelight	

Missed messages can be accessed through our website.

### **Pastor Search Update**

With our pastor's upcoming retirement, our church recently affirmed the recommendation of the Leadership Team for the following to serve as our Pastor Search Team: Jim Crutchfield, Rod Foerch, Kerry Hallworth, Mike Kline, Marilyn McKeen, Rhonda Parker, and Sandy Truett.

They met for the first time this week. Please pray for the team as they begin their work.

Comments or Prayer Needs

**COMMUNICATION CARD** 

☐ Confidential ☐ For published prayer list

Use QR Code to respond or to give online



#### **COMMUNICATION CARD**

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Name(s)				
Address				
City Zip				
Home Phone				
Cell Phone				
Email				
My Response Today  I want to place my faith in Jesus Christ and receive his gift of life, abundant and eternal.  I would like to learn more about what				
it means to follow Jesus  I would like to be baptized.  I would like to learn more about				
church membership.  ☐ I would like information on Life Groups/Sunday School classes.				
<ul> <li>Please add me to ACBC's email list.</li> <li>I would like to speak to a minister at a mutually convenient time.</li> </ul>				
☐ Other (please write on other side)				
<b>Guests</b> We are glad you are here! Please complete this card and place it in the offering basket this morning.				
This is my $\square$ 1st $\square$ 2nd $\square$ 3rd or more time at Ancient City Baptist Church.				
I was invited by				
Please indicate the number of people in your family in each age category:				
65+ 55-64 45-54 30-44 18-29 Youth (Grade 7-12) Children (Grade 1-6) Preschool				

Sunday, December 3 Wednesday, December 6

9:30 a.m. Life Groups 6:15 p.1 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting & DiscipleLIFE

(Meet in Fellowship Hall)

6:15 p.m. TeamKID

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Sunday Morning Time Schedule:** Our new Sunday Morning Schedule is now in effect! **Life Groups now meet at 9:30 a.m.** and the **Morning Worship now begins at 10:45 a.m.** (We will evaluate this schedule in a few months.)

**Name Tag Sunday:** Please fill out and wear a name tag, available on the media table in the Welcome Center—right outside the sanctuary door.

**Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:** Today begins our observance of the annual Week of Prayer for International Missions. Giving to the Christmas Offering, named for Lottie Moon, an early missionary to China, enables our international missionaries to take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, as 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching people of every nation for Christ. Offerings will be received throughout the month of December. **Our goal for this offering is \$6,000.** Please make a generous contribution by marking envelopes "Lottie Moon."

**Christmas Cantata:** This year's cantata, *Appalachian Winter*, will be presented next Sunday, December 10. The service begins at 10:45. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this special service!

**Christmas Eve Worship:** With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, we will have two opportunities to worship. During our Morning Worship at 10:45 we will light the fourth Advent candle. We will gather again at 6 p.m. for our annual Candlelight and Communion worship, a unique worship experience.

**Church Conference:** Our annual Church Conference to discuss the proposed budget and leadership for 2024 will be held Wednesday, December 13, at 6:15 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Wednesdays:** We invite you to join us this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. for a time of prayer followed by Bible study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**TeamKID:** This fun ministry for children takes place at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesdays. It helps children grow in their knowledge of Jesus through Bible stories, Scripture memorization, mission activities, recreational activities and life applications.

**Life Groups (Sunday School):** These small groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and are an opportunity for members to study Scripture, get to know each other and minister to one another. Use the Communication Card to request more information.

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**: Bob Blake (904-476-4100) & Jim Crutchfield (904-679-9839) **WELCOME CENTER HOSTS:** Rick Weedman; Larry & Laurel DuBose

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