

NEW TRADITIONS

8:45

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering and Worship Words Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Chiming of the Hour Jim Preece, Organist/Choirmaster

Greeting The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, v.1-4

*Affirmation of Faith *The Advent Affirmation*

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*Gloria Patri *Glory Be to God, the Father* - Regent Square

Glory be to God, the Father; Glory be to God, the Son.

Glory be to God, the Spirit, ever three, and ever one.

Come and worship, come and worship

Light of lights, our star, our sun. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Trey Jenkins

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

*Scripture Reading *Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8* Jessi Persson

Sermon *Preparing in Our Heart for Christ to Come* Rev. Jenkins

*Hymn of Invitation *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Prayers of the People Jessi Persson

Invitation, Confession and Pardon UMH 12

Worship with Tithes and Offerings The People

*Presentation and Doxology UMH 95

*The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Prayer After Receiving Rev. Jenkins

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* UMH 626

WE GO TO SERVE

*Blessing and Sending Forth Rev. Jenkins

*Responsive Affirmation Tune: Jessye's Carol

All singing: Green and silver, red and gold, and a story borne of old.
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Postlude Reflections on this morning's worship

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UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)
TFWS (The Faith We Sing)

WELCOME TO SENOIA UMC

We welcome you today to Senoia United Methodist Church. If you are a guest with us today for the first time, please let an usher know so that you may be given a **Welcome Mug**, which has information about Senoia UMC. Please complete the Connection Card included in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. A nursery for children birth to under 4 years old is available during the 11:00 service. Please see an usher for assistance.

Assisted Listening Devices: There are assisted listening devices available for use during worship. Please see an usher if you would like the use of one of these devices.

Advent Sunday Morning Service Times: December 17 & 24 - morning worship at 11:00 AM only. December 31st - offering the 8:30 AM service will be determined by the congregation.

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the friends and family of Theo I. Druckenmiller, Barb Combs' mother, upon her death November 25, 2017.

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers for Joys

Information removed for privacy

Prayers for Current Concerns:

Information removed for privacy

Prayers for Ongoing Concerns:

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You can make your prayer requests (including updates or to remove a request) by either email, calling the church office or noting it on your Connection Card.

Senoia United Methodist Church



DECEMBER 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Ms. Barb Combs, Director of Programs

Mr. Jim Preece, Organist/Choir Master

Ms. Lee Berry, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Bereatha Brooks, Nursery Coordinator

Mrs. Polly Watson, Housekeeping

Mrs. Gail Noble and Mr. John Felbinger, A/V Technicians

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Poinsettias for Sale: Order forms are available in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center. The deadline is this Wednesday, December 6th. Each arrangement is \$10. Drop the order form in the offering plate or leave at the office.

Mission Team Silent Auction is December 13th. If you are interested in putting something in the auction, please let Barb Combs know. If you are interested in bidding on auction items look for news on early bidding. Get some really special gifts for your friends and family while supporting the Guatemala Mission Team.

Hanging of the Greens: Please join us this Sunday afternoon at 6 pm for a service of worship as we complete the decoration of the sanctuary. Enjoy favorite Christmas hymns, hear the Advent story, and learn the meaning of the many symbols and Chrismons that bring the true story of Christmas to life.

Gifts for Those in Need: We invite you to stop by the Fellowship Hall and select an angel off the tree with the gift list for those in need in our community. Gifts can be tagged, wrapped, and placed under the Angel Tree when completed.

Children's Movie Next Sunday - The Polar Express: A ticket is waiting for children of all ages to join us next Sunday, December 10, in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30, for a trip upon "The Polar Express". Snacks will be provided. Parents are welcome to stay and join us. Children (and adults too) are invited to wear their pajamas if they'd like!

United Methodist Women Invite All Women of the Church to their Christmas Party tomorrow, Monday, December 12th, at 5:30pm, at the home of Karla Sowell, 87 Southern Trace, Senoia. Please bring a heavy hor d'oeuvre to share and a donation for the altar fund.

Parsonage Christmas Open House: Everyone is invited on Sunday, December 17th from 4:00 - 5:30pm. Come enjoy the Christmas season with your church family. Please bring canned goods to donate to the I-58 Mission.

Monthly Connection: The December issue has been sent to your email. Please check it out as there is a lot of information on upcoming events, worship, year end giving, and much more!

Church Council Meeting next Sunday, December 10, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. All leaders of the church are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend please let Pastor Ashley and Doug Kolbenschlag know in advance. All members of the church are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - 12/6

MENU: BEANS & RICE, OTHER CAJUN GOODIES AND DESSERT TEAM ONE

CHILDREN: \$3 5-12; UNDER 5 EAT FREE; \$7 FOR ALL OTHERS

YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE A RESERVATION, AS WE DO HAVE TO PURCHASE THE GROCERIES AND COOK IN ADVANCE.

PLEASE USE THE CONNECTION CARD OR LET THE OFFICE KNOW BEFORE 10AM, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH. THANK YOU!

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/3
8:45am New Traditions Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Make Friends Connection
3:00pm Disciple Bible Study
6:00pm Hanging of the Greens Service

Monday 12/4
6:45pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday 12/5
6:30pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday 12/6
6:00pm Fellowship Dinner
6:30pm Cantaré & Cantaré Plus Practice
7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice
7:00pm Play Practice for Christmas Eve

Thursday 12/7
7:00pm AA

Saturday 12/9
Fellowship Hall Reserved

*Holy Strollers I & II will meet next year.

TRADITIONAL

11:00

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Words of Welcome (10:55) Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Chiming of the Hour Jim Preece, Organist/Choirmaster

Lighting of the Candles The Organ Voluntary

***Call to Worship** Jessi Persson

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Oh Emmanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives.

In the midst of lists and rush, you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence.

We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us. Let something wonderful begin in us - something surprising and holy. AMEN.

***Processional Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, v. 1-4

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Lighting of the First Advent Candle Jennifer & Aureila Meares

Choral Meditation The Chancel Choir++

We Wait - Ruth Elaine Schram

In the flame of the flickering candle, we see a hint of the starry light that led the shepherds and kings to the Tiny Child. We wait. In the flame of the flickering candle, we see the promise of hope and joy; the promise of peace, the promise of love in a Baby Boy. We wait. Advent candle, burning bright, gently reflecting heaven's light, lead us to the Prince of Peace; O guide us to the Perfect Light. We wait.

Children's Sermon

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Jessi Persson

***Congregational Response** UMH 230, v. 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.

***Hymn** *All Earth Is Waiting* UMH 210

Worship with Tithes and Offerings The People

***Presentation and Doxology** Tune: Veni Emmanuel

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

Anthem The Chancel Choir++

Prepare The Way - Anna Laura Page, 2004

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Holy Eucharist Page 13

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Ushers: Mike Ivie (8:45) Ralph Arnold & Jim Garver (11:00)

Nursery: Karla Sowell (11:00)

Acolyte: Serenity Severson (11:00)

Greeters: Skip & Becky Hughes (11:00)

Counters: Ralph Arnold & Skip Hughes

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEK - 12/10

Ushers: Trey Jenkins (8:45) Danny Branch & Carl McKnight (11:00)

Nursery: TBD (11:00)

Acolyte: Riley Morris (11:00)

Greeters: Jon & Carolyne Morris (11:00)

Counters: Jean Cotton & Jim Riggiola

OUR ATTENDANCE STEWARDSHIP

10/29	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26
121	120	119	77	95