

WELCOME

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

DECEMBER 17, 2023

OUR MISSION IS INSPIRING PEOPLE TO **KNOW, GROW, GO** IN GOD'S LOVE.

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OPENING HYMN

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL

UMH 204

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

JIM & MARLIESE GRIFFITH

*OPENING HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

UMH 196

*1. COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS, BORN TO SET THY PEOPLE FREE;
FROM OUR FEARS AND SINS RELEASE US, LET US FIND OUR REST IN THEE.
ISRAEL'S STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION, HOPE OF ALL THE EARTH THOU ART;
DEAR DESIRE OF EVERY NATION, JOY OF EVERY LONGING HEART.*

*2. BORN THY PEOPLE TO DELIVER, BORN A CHILD AND YET A KING,
BORN TO REIGN IN US FOREVER, NOW THY GRACIOUS KINGDOM BRING.
BY THINE OWN ETERNAL SPIRIT RULE IN ALL OUR HEARTS ALONE;
BY THINE ALL SUFFICIENT MERIT, RAISE US TO THY GLORIOUS THRONE.*

*AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION

AMY SUDDUTH

We believe that God has come to us;
that God brought us into being,
that this God gave us breath and purpose,
that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others,
that we have fallen short of this commandment
but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us;
that God is not happy to leave us alone,
that this God will come to us as a particular human being,
that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,
that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us;
that God will have the final word and that Word will be good,
that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work,
that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth,
that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,
and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"

*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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bow our heads in holy reverence. Oh God, we long to be free of burdens that hold us captive. We long to be bearers of good news to the oppressed. We long to return to your favor. Forgive us our transgressions; loosen the chains of doubt that bind us. Hear our prayers... (please continue in silent reflection and personal confession)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

KRISTIN NELSON

ANTHEM

CHRIST, BE BORN IN US

BY PEDERSON

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BOLD RESPOND IN UNISON

GIVING

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LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

UMH 240

*1. HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, „GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING;
PEACE ON EARTH, AND MERCY MILD, GOD AND SINNERS RECONCILED!“
JOYFUL, ALL YE NATIONS RISE, JOIN THE TRIUMPH OF THE SKIES;
WITH TH'ANGELIC HOST PROCLAIM, „CHRIST IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM!“
HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, „GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!“*

*2. CHRIST, BY HIGHEST HEAVEN ADORED; CHRIST, THE EVER LASTING LORD;
LATE IN TIME BEHOLD HIM COME, OFF SPRING OF A VIRGIN'S WOMB.
VEILED IN FLESH THE GOD HEAD SEE; HAIL TH'IN CARNITE DEITY,
PLEASED WITH US IN FLESH TO DWELL, JESUS, OUR EMMANUEL.
" HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, „GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!“*

*3. HAIL THE HEAVEN BORN PRINCE OF PEACE! HAIL THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!
LIGHT AND LIFE TO ALL HE BRINGS, RISEN WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS.
MILD HE LAYS HIS GLORY BY, BORN THAT WE NO MORE MAY DIE,
BORN TO RAISE US FROM THE EARTH, BORN TO GIVE US SECOND BIRTH.
" HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING, „GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!“*

BLESSING OVER THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A NEW KID IN TOWN
JOHNNY SMITH & TRENT SMITH, SOLOISTS

BY HENLEY

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 61: 1-4, 8-11

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IN US

DR. WYBRA PRICE

*CLOSING HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

UMH 219

*1. WHAT CHILD IS THIS WHO, LAID TO REST, ON MARY'S LAP IS SLEEPING?
WHOM ANGELS GREET WITH ANTHEMS SWEET, WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCH ARE KEEPING?
THIS, THIS IS CHRIST THE KING, WHOM SHEPHERDS GUARD AND ANGELS SING;
HASTE, HASTE TO BRING HIM LAUD, THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY.*

*2. WHY LIE HE IN SUCH MEAN ESTATE WHERE OX AND ASS ARE FEEDING?
GOOD CHRISTIANS, FEAR, FOR SINNERS HERE THE SILENT WORD IS PLEADING.
THIS, THIS IS CHRIST THE KING, WHOM SHEPHERDS GUARD AND ANGELS SING;
HASTE, HASTE TO BRING HIM LAUD, THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY.*

*3. SO BRING HIM INCENSE, GOLD, AND MYRRH, COME, PEASANT, KING, TO OWN HIM;
THE KING OF KINGS SALVATION BRINGS, LET LOVING HEARTS ENTHRONE HIM.
THIS, THIS IS CHRIST THE KING, WHOM SHEPHERDS GUARD AND ANGELS SING;
HASTE, HASTE TO BRING HIM LAUD, THE BABE, THE SON OF MARY.*

BENEDICTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING  **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 4PM IN PEARCE HALL**
The December Governance Board meeting will be this Sunday at 4pm in Pearce Hall.

BUMC CHRISTMAS EVE YARD SIGNS 
We invite you to pick up at Broadmoor UMC, a Christmas Eve yard sign with stand and place it in your yard inviting others to join you in worship this Christmas Eve. These signs will be available at the church these next two Sundays – December 10 and 17. Please return your yard sign to the church after Christmas Eve to be used for future years. Thank you for helping to spread the Good News of the birth of our Savior.

FIRST GIFT 
It has been our custom at Broadmoor for a number of years to offer our First Gift of the Christmas season to the Christ Child. As we celebrate his gift of grace to us, we bring to the Lord a portion of what has been given to us. Please write "First Gift" in the memo line on your check or on the envelope before placing it in the offering plate. You may also give a "First Gift" online at www.broadmoorumc.org or you can mail your check to the church office at 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105.

PHILIPPIANS STUDY LED BY BONNIE DANIEL  **STARTING MONDAY, JAN. 22ND AT 10AM**
"Many of us spend our lives chasing happy through relationships, success, and the next adventure. Yet, we only discover a dryness in our souls. We chase temporary happiness instead of the eternal happiness found in Jesus. Join Bonnie Daniel in studying Philippians by Lori Wilhite beginning January 22nd at 10 AM. Cost to attend is \$20. RSVP on your connect card or by emailing office@broadmoorumc.org

December Mission Focus: The Gingerbread House 
This month we are collecting 1-ounce Play Doh, 8-ounce bottle water, and washable markers. All of these items are used daily in sessions with the children they serve. The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in closely with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families. Gingerbread House coordinates interviews and investigations with the referring agencies and other professionals from the initial screening to the final disposition of the case. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families are prepared for the criminal justice process to help prevent further victimization. The Gingerbread House also provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.



Holiday Schedule

BLUE CHRISTMAS

December 21st at 6PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24th*, No 8:30 AM service, Sunday School at 9:45 AM
Combined River and Sanctuary services in the Sanctuary at 11 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24th, River Contemporary Candlelight Service at 3 PM
Sanctuary Candlelight services at 5 PM* and 7 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY

December 31st*, Sunday School at 9:45 AM
8:30 AM and 11 AM Sanctuary services & 11 AM River Contemporary service

*Nursery provided for ages 0-kindergarten