

The Week Ahead . . .

Sunday, December 3

9:00 am A Time of Prayer/CH
9:30 am - 1:00 pm Nursery
9:30 am The Gathering
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:00 pm Children's Library Open
4:00 pm Jingle Jam/CLC

Monday, December 4

9:30 am Fitness Our Way/FH
9:30 am MDO
1:00 pm Women's Growth Grp/GR

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 am Men's Spiritual Quest/CR
9:00 am Upper Room Prayer/CR
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl/GR
6:30 pm Prophecy of Grace/GR
6:30 pm Finance Meeting/Office

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 am Fitness Our Way/CLC
9:30 am MDO
10:00 am Prayer Group/GR
5:30 pm Yth 1st Wed. F-ship/250
6:30 pm Chancel Choir/Choir Rm
6:30 pm The Reading Plan/GR
6:45 pm Pickleball/CLC
7:15 pm Young Prof Sm Grp/FP

Thursday, December 7

1:00 pm Pickleball/CLC
6:30 pm Seeking...Prayer Grp/GR

Friday, December 8

9:30 am Fitness Our Way/FH
9:30 am MDO
10:00 am Prophecy of Grace/GR

Saturday, December 9

9:00 am Santa Breakfast/CLC & GR

CR-Conference Room SC-Sanctuary
FP-Fire Place FH-Fellowship Hall
CLC-Christian Life Center (Gym)
GR-Garden Room CH-Chapel
AS-Art Studio



December Communion
Offering:
Hannah's Hope

Neighborhood Center Food

Pantry Donations

December
Breakfast Cereal



December 14 -
CHRISTMAS PARTY @
noon in the
Fellowship Hall
Bill Fuller will provide
the entertainment.

Christmas Eve Morning Worship

There are **NO** changes to the worship services on Christmas Eve Morning. We will offer a special worship service on **Christmas Eve Night**. Please join us.

The Gathering at 9:30 a.m. in the CLC

Traditional Service @ 11:00 a.m.
****Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5:00 p.m.****

Choir Christmas Party
Saturday, December 16
5:30 pm
Garden Room



Coming...

A Christmas Festival

December 17, 2017

3:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Favorite Carols & Christmas Songs

By

The Chancel Choir

The Gathering Band

Caroling & Chili

Sunday, December 17
5:00 pm

Caroling to individuals who are homebound and then return to the church for a delicious chili dinner.

Be sure to bring a flashlight.

If you can join us please give the church office a call @ 901-683-5286.



Bishop	Rev. Bill McAlilly
District Superintendent	Rev. Deborah B. Smith
Senior Pastor	Rev. Jathaniel Cavitt
Director of Music	Bill Fuller
Organist	Susan Steppe
Director of Children's Ministries	Debbie Trusty
Director of Mother's Day Out	Elizabeth Levy
Director of Student Ministries	Becca Solaas-Rodriguez
Director of Recreation & Young Adult Ministries	Brian Maness
Financial/Membership Staff	Charlotte Martin
Admin./Publications Staff	Staci Hissong
Facility Maintenance	Neil Vause & Will Colston
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Colonial Park



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Making disciples of Jesus Christ by **seeking** God's will,
sharing God's love and **servng** God and our neighbors.

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to worship this morning.
+Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Register of Friendship and then pass it to others on your pew.
When all have signed, please pass to the center aisle.

PRELUDE

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" G.F. Handel/arr. L. Smith
(from "The Messiah")

GREETING

Watch and wait, Christ is coming soon.

Christ is with us now.

Look and see God's creative power is close at hand.

God's power is with us here.

Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.

God is re-creating us each and every day, re-forming us in the image of love.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mark Jackson & Vaden Jackson

CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

When we turn away from you or neglect your presence, O God, don't rage against us or turn away in silent wrath. When we sin and fall short of being the people you have created us to be, don't hide your loving presence from us. Forgive us for the sins we have actively committed and the sins that we have committed by omission. Speak to us anew, that we may hear your voice and notice your presence in our lives. Shine on us with your grace and mercy, that we may return to you and return to love. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.

In Christ, we are made new and rich in every grace needed to restore us and make us whole. In Christ, we are forgiven and made blameless before God. Praise God for this glorious gift!

Please rise and confirm this good news in one another, by sharing signs of grace and peace with one another.

+OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 211

+GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON "Eyes Wide Open" Rev. Jathaniel Cavitt

+HYMN "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" 730

THE OFFERING "Prepare the Way" by Joseph M. Martin

+DOXOLOGY 95

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Musical Setting A, p.17

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table.
Come with hands extended, palms raised.
A piece of bread will be handed to you.
Dip it into the cup, and receive the gift of grace.
Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer.*

+HYMN "I Know Whom I Have Believed" 714

+SENDING FORTH

We leave here to go into the world.

We go to make disciples of Jesus Christ by seeking God's will, sharing God's love and serving God, and our neighbors.

POSTLUDE "The Master in This Hall" arr. Lani Smith
(based on traditional French Carol)

Hearing enhancements are available. Contact an usher.
Join us in the Garden Room for coffee and doughnuts.

Kids' Own Worship begins at 11:00 am in room 205, Kindergarten-5th Grade.
We welcome everyone to worship at Colonial Park today. If you are visiting, we hope you will consider making Colonial Park your church home.
First time guests, please stop by the welcome table and receive a gift from the church.

Sermon Notes:

RPM
Read.Pray.Meet.

Monday: Isaiah 9:1-7
Tuesday: Galatians 4:4-7
Wednesday: Isaiah 11:1-10
Thursday: Micah 5:2-5
Friday: Isaiah 53:1-6



Today's Altar Flowers are in honor of:
The 70th Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Muriel Cole on December 13.
By their daughter, June Swindle



5 minutes
before the church service begins &
5 minutes after the service ends:
Meet someone you don't know!
If someone that you don't know comes within 10 feet of you:
Invite them into your group!



DECEMBER 3
4:00 P.M.
COLONIAL PARK UM CHURCH
Corner of Park & Estate

Jingle Jam is a family experience with fun music, dancers, skits, games, videos, giveaways and so much more!
It's the biggest party this side of the North Pole!



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday December 9 · 9-11 a.m.

Breakfast \$3/person
this includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Juice,
Milk, Coffee

Photos with "The Man" \$5

Secret Santa Shop \$5

This is where kids can shop for gifts for their parents—
no adults allowed!!