

**The Week Ahead . . .**

**Sunday, December 31**

9:00 am A Time of Prayer/CH  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm Nursery  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
9:45 am Sunday School  
**10:30 am Combined Worship**

**Monday, January 1**

\*\*Church Office Closed\*\*

**Tuesday, January 2**

7:00 am Men's Spiritual Quest/CR  
9:00 am Upper Rm Prayer Line/CR  
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl/GR  
6:30 pm Prophecy of Grace

**Wednesday, January 3**

10:00 am Prayer Group/GR  
5:30 pm 1st Wed. F-ship/FP  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir/Choir Rm  
6:30 pm The Bible Reading Plan/GR  
7:00 pm Pickleball/CLC  
7:15 pm Young Prof Sm Grp/FP

**Thursday, January 4**

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

**Friday, January 5**

10:00 am Prophecy of Grace/GR

**Saturday, January 6**

8:30 am Men's B-Fast/FH

December Communion

Offering:

Hannah's Hope

**Neighborhood Center Food**

**Pantry Donations**

December

Breakfast Cereal

**Christmas Eve Worship**

**We will offer a special worship service tonight. Please join us.**

**Christmas Eve Worship**

**Service at 5:00 p.m.**

**Combined  
Worship Service on  
December 31 @  
10:30 a.m.**

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

The church office will be closed the week following Christmas (Dec. 25-29). **HOWEVER** - if you need **ANY** of the staff we will be checking our voicemail periodically. Please leave us a message. We will also be in & out those days.

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Director of Student Ministries  
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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 **serving** God and our neighbors.

December 24, 2017  
*Fourth 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 "Prelude on Noel Nouvelet" arr. A. L. Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

May our souls magnify God.

**May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

God gives rest from all that afflicts us.

**God goes wherever we go.**

This is the God of mysteries, of prophecies and promises.

**This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.**

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**May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Granberry Family

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Born In Me" by F. Battistelli  
Veda Polk, Soloist

CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" 238

+GOSPEL READING Luke 1:26-38

SERMON "Life Wide Open" Rev. Jathaniel Cavitt

+HYMN "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" 218

THE OFFERING "I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day"  
The Chancel Choir  
The Handbells  
Lee Gilliland, Soloist

+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 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" 251

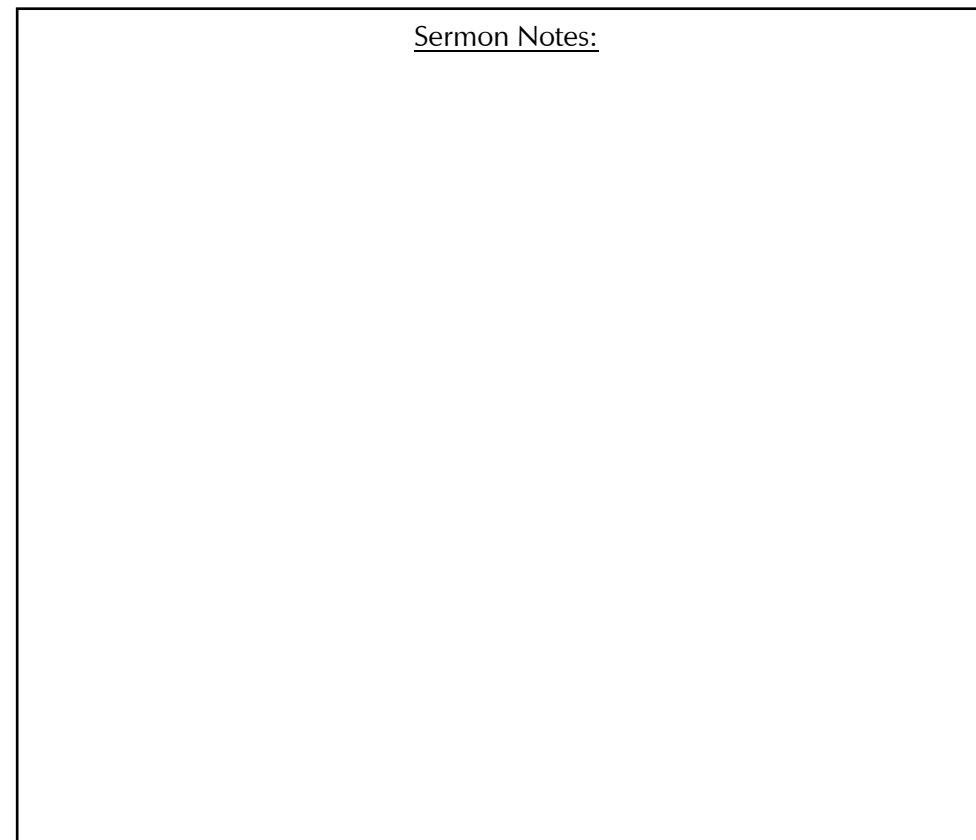
+SENDING FORTH

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 "Hallelujah Chorus" G. F. Handel  
(from "The Messiah")

Sermon Notes:



**RPM**  
Read.Pray.Meet.

Monday: John 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Luke 2:21-32  
Wednesday: Luke 2:33-40  
Thursday: Matthew 2:1-6  
Friday: Matthew 2:7-12

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.

**Winter Games Camp**  
Kindergarten to 6th Grade (ages 5-12)  
January 2nd to 5th  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
From Silly to Traditional sports  
Inside & out—weather permitting  
Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle each day.  
Cost \$65 for all 4 days or \$20 per day  
T-Shirt Included  
Register online @ [www.colonialpark.org](http://www.colonialpark.org) under the "Recreation" tab.  
Contact Brian Maness with questions @ 901-683-5286.

DECEMBER 31 @ 12:00 PM  
**CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK**  
FELLOWSHIP HALL