

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 7, 2025

We welcome with love our former Ministerial Intern, the Reverend Noah Vaughn

PRELUDE "Advent Prayer"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM "Light Of Light" Joel Raney
Chancel Choir

LITANY

Leader: Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

People: Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

Leader: Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings..

People: Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

Leader: Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

People: Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Leader: Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

People: Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

CANDLE LIGHTING

ANTHEM "Light Of Light" J. Raney
Congregation joins in "Light Of Light" anthem (see insert)

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Hail To The Lord's Anointed" No. 203

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-12 NT – page 2

ANTHEM "Carol For Advent" Price/Besig
Chancel Choir, Keyboard Mary Calhoun, Flute Jackie Priestaf

CHILDREN'S SERMON

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH as we sing:

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, God's so good to me. He loves me so, he loves me so, he loves me so, God's so good to me!

SERMON "A Peaceful Perspective" Reverend Noah Vaughn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Winter Peace" Mary Calhoun, keyboard

DOXOLOGY "In The Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4) UMH 221
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

*HYMN "Blessed Be The God Of Israel" UMH 209

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION HYMN (8:45 A.M.)

POSTLUDE "Even So, Come"

*Please Stand As You Are Able

TONIGHT – LOVEFEAST – 5:00 P.M. Sanctuary – doors open at 4:30 P.M. Music begins at 4:40 P.M. (Please bring a toy or educational gift for a child to place under the Chrismon Tree.)

A nursery (located in front of the church office) is available. Parents – please set your phones on vibrate and leave your cell number with the nursery attendants so that if you are needed you can be reached.

PRAYER LIST: Linda Bridges, Eddie Bridges, Connie Mundy, Lois M. Winstead, Tom Hill Clayton, Phyllis Tuck, Leon Long, Jean Andrews, Norma Sabiston, Susie Ainsworth, Bob Morningstar, Sammy Blalock, Mike Wrenn, Carolyn Woolley.

THIS WEEK AT LONG MEMORIAL UMC:

Sunday: 8:45 A.M. – Early Church – Chapel
11:00 A.M. – Worship – Sanctuary
5:00 P.M. – Lovefeast - Sanctuary

Tuesday: A.M. – P.M. – District Superintendent - Library
Handbell Choir Wednesday 6:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

This Week's Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week's Scripture

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

STAFF LOVE OFFERING

During the month of November/December the SPRC Committee is asking the congregation to participate in a love offering for our staff, to be presented to them December 23rd. We as members of Long Memorial are fortunate to have such a dedicated, dependable and caring staff whom we all love and rely on. Please join in and make this a special show of appreciation. Please designate your contribution "STAFF LOVE OFFERING". Thanks in advance for your show of support.

Church Staff:

Rev. Ed Priestaf, Pastor
Charles Higgins, Director of Music
Peggy Wade, Church Secretary
Pam Day, Preschool Director
Billie Oakley, Church Treasurer
Autumn Gentry, Children & Youth Ministries' Director
Sherry Clayton & Kayla Brown, Nursery Attendants
Wilbur Brann & Hunt Fitzgerald, Audio Technicians

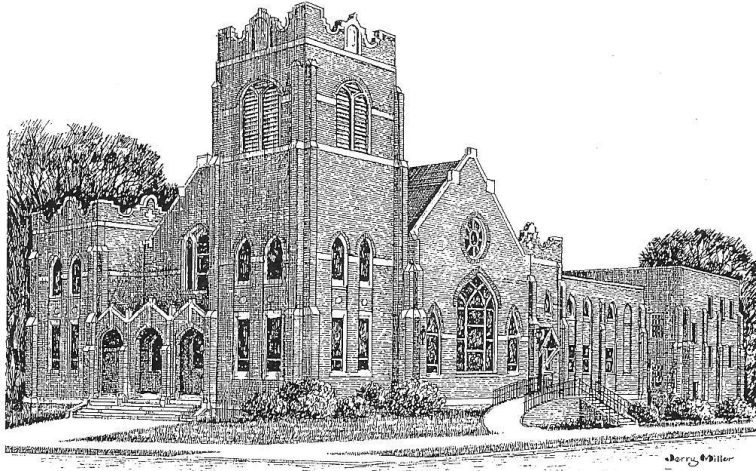
DECEMBER

TODAY: Lovefeast – 5 P.M. – Sunday, December 7th
*****Please bring an unwrapped gift or two to place under the Chrismon Tree. These presents will be given to Santa's Helpers and shared with families who are in need this Christmas season. Please bring educational toys or toddler toys.***

Children's Christmas Program –5:30 P.M. – Sunday, December 14th

Lessons & Carols Service – 10:30 A.M. (only) – Sunday, December 21st

Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 P.M. -Wednesday, December 24th



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*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that
whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

*Our Mission Is To Make Disciples Of Jesus
For The Transformation Of The World*

**Leader: This Is The Day The Lord Hath Made
People: Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad In It.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to Long Memorial United Methodist Church! It is our sincere desire that your worship time with us will be enjoyable and edifying. If you are interested in learning more about our community please see the "visitor" section of this bulletin.