

**Christmas Luncheon
December 17th, 2017**

Name: _____

Eating: _____

Return by Sunday, Dec 10th

**Mission Opportunity
Egypt, Iraq, and Honduras**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

2018 Aveleigh's Year of the Bible

**Sermon Preparation Survey
Ask the Pastor**

I've always wanted to know? _____

I Feel Like I've Lost? _____

December 3, 2017:

Total Service Attendance: 106

Sunday School: 82

Financial Figures:

Tithes and Offerings for

Dec 3, 2017: \$10,693.20

Tithes and Offerings through

Dec 3, 2017: \$314,472.19

Needed to meet budget through

December 31, 2017: \$344,050.00

Children's Church for Dec. 10:

Nursery: Katherine Lake

Children's Church: Merry Jo & Tim

Stafford

AWC: Andrew Tierney

Children's Church for Dec. 17:

Nursery: Mary Shepherd

Children's Church: Beverly

Summer & Eliza Shepherd

No AWC

Bread Ministry today is Jessica

Madray

See someone at worship you

don't know? Be sure to introduce yourself and say a word of welcome.

Need a hearing device? Ask an

usher, and please remember to return the aid before you leave.

Please note: Pastor Mitch's cell

phone #: 944-0416 and e-mail:

drvanmetre@gmail.com

Aveleigh sermons are on

YouTube! You can watch Aveleigh

sermons at [https://](https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAveleighWC)

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TheAveleighWC. Thanks to

Michael Coleman, Ray Cheeks and

Dr. Mitch Van Metre for sharing our message in this way!

FOR OUR GUESTS

WELCOME! We hope that this service will be an encouragement to you. If we can be of special service to you, please let us know. We ask that you fill out the "Connection Card", located on the tear-off section of your bulletin, so that we might have a record of your attendance.

AVELEIGH'S blended worship service begins at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School begins at 10:45 a.m.; Aveleigh Worship Center Service begins at 11:30 a.m.

NURSERY CARE is available for babies and young children who may become restless during the worship service. An usher will be happy to direct you to the appropriate room.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS are available for ages three through Grade 5 at all entrances.

We Believe: Jesus Christ is the world's singular saving Lord. No one comes to the Father but through Him. The Bible is God's holy Word. Christians are called to live a holy life, which includes the biblical standard of chastity in singleness and fidelity in marriage. Since all fall short of the Glory of God, all are accepted

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun (12/10)	8:45 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners Worship Service Sunday School AWC Service Aveleigh Ringers
Mon (12/11)	7:00 p.m.	Annual Joint Session/Deacons Meeting
Tues (12/12)	9:00 a.m.-Noon 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.	Mother's Morning Out Chapel Prayer Group Circle 1 Meeting Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study
Wed (12/13)	5:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Aveleigh Singers Christmas Choir

NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun (12/17)	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners Sunday School Happy Birthday, Jesus! Worship & Christmas Musical Luncheon Aveleigh Ringers
Tues (12/18)	9:00 a.m.-Noon 10:00 a.m. Noon	Mother's Morning Out Chapel Prayer Group Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study

Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians

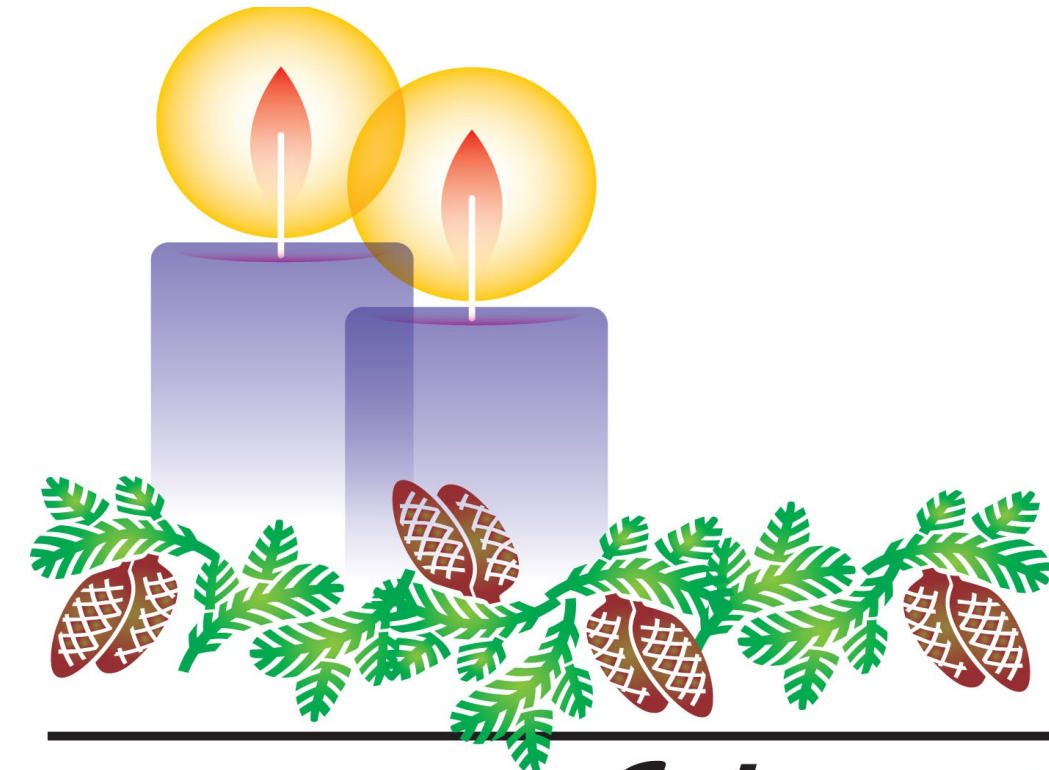
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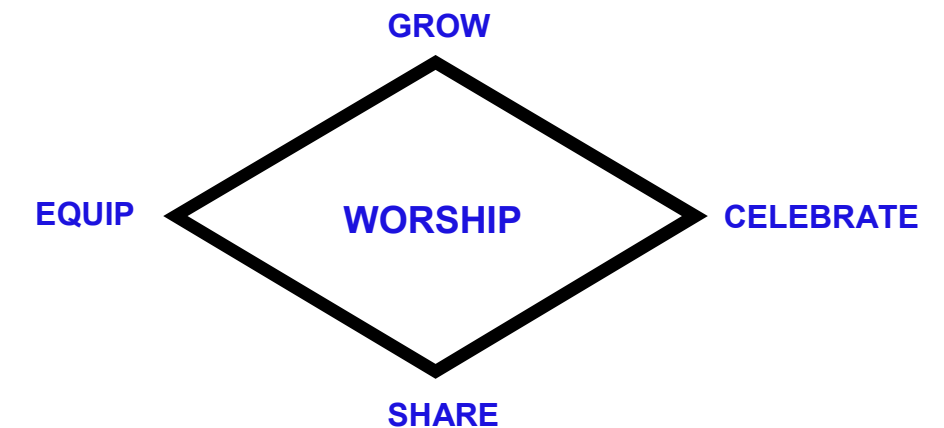
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December 10, 2017



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



**Our mission is to ...
CELEBRATE God's presence
GROW closer to God's Son
EQUIP God's people
SHARE God's Good News**

Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude “The First Noel” arr. Lloyd Larson
“I Wonder As I Wander” arr. Gary Lanier
Tracy Swygert and Billy Norris, Flutes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

***Hymn** “Sing to the King”

***Affirmation of Faith** -

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen

Gloria Patri

Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn** “Emmanuel”

Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

***Hymn** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Lighting of the Peace Candle: Leon Madray Family

Offertory “We Three Kings” arr. Matthew Prins The Aveleigh Ringers

***Doxology and Fourth Stanza of “America”**

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 pg.1291

Sermon: “MAY YOU BE SURPRISED BY CHRISTMAS”

Rev Dr. Mitch Van Metre

***Hymn** #251 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Benediction

Postlude Variations on CAROL

Aveleigh Worship Center

Welcome and Announcements

“Hark The Herold Angels Sing” Jeremy Camp

The Lighting of the Peace Candle: Jackie Swindler Family

Silent Prayer

“Peace On Earth” Casting Crowns

Children’s Church Dismissal (three years old - kindergarten)

Offering

Action/Sharing

Prayer Requests

Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7 & Hebrews 4:14-16 pg.1291

Sermon: “MAY YOU BE SURPRISED BY CHRISTMAS”

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“Joy To The World” Third Day

Prayer

Challenge and Dismissal

Announcements

Annual Joint Session/Deacons Meeting is Monday, December 11th at 7:15 p.m. in Truesdell Hall. Deacon’s pre-meet in the chapel from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. and Elders pre-meet from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m. in Truesdell Hall. This meeting is to establish our 2018 budget. All officers 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020 must attend.

Circle 2 will meet at the home of Hunt Coffey at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11th. Our Christmas dinner will follow the meeting.

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Charlotte Comstock.

Aveleigh’s Children’s Council is sponsoring a “**Happy Birthday, Jesus**” Party on Sunday, December 17th in Truesdell Hall (gym) at 9:30 a.m. All Children and Youth are invited to help celebrate this special birthday. Our **mission offering** this year will be the **Boundary Street School Giving Tree**. We will be adopting a brother and sister (both in 4th grade) for Christmas. Here are a **list of items needed: clothes, shoes, games and toys** (Girl sizes: Pants 12, Shoes – 3, Shirts/Dresses - Child Med. & Boy sizes: Pants 10, Shoes – 2, Shirts – Med.). If you’d like to donate, just bring unwrapped items to the gym before 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 17. **Optional:** you can just bring a monetary donation (cash) and the above items will be purchased. We give these gifts in honor of the greatest gift of all, Jesus!

The Angels have disappeared from the **Angel Tree** and the presents are starting to appear under it. Thank you to all that are supporting these children. If you have not done so, remember to return your wrapped gifts by next Sunday, **December 17th**.

Aveleigh is having a **Luncheon** in Truesdell Hall on Sunday, December 17th immediately following our Joint Service Christmas **Hymn Festival** at 10:30 a.m. **Please note** there will be no AWC Service this day and Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. Use the Connection Card in today’s bulletin to attend. Pastor Mitch’s Luncheon team is serving turkey, gravy, dressing, and all the trimmings with pumpkin pie for dessert. Cost is \$7 per person Children 12 and younger eat free.

Pictorial Directories will be available in Truesdell Hall during the luncheon on December 17th. Please stop by and pick up your copy. Congregational Care Committee

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Dec. 17th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship & Christmas Musical
11:30 a.m. Luncheon

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship & Children’s Christmas Program

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
Sunday, Dec. 31st - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Connection Card

Welcome to Aveleigh

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you as our guest.

Please fill out the Guest Information and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

GUEST INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

___ Guest

___ I am a student.

___ I am a new resident.

___ I wish to become a member of Aveleigh.

___ I would like to talk with someone about the Christian faith.

I am **collecting** good, used children’s picture books, games, puzzles, & art supplies to go to schools in **Haiti**, things that your children/grandchildren no long use. Please place them in the boxes provided to the five adult SS classrooms, or contact me and I will pick them up from you. **Today** is the deadline. Thank you so much. Rita Yarbrough

You are welcomed to join us immediately **following our 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service** for a time of fellowship and light refreshments served in our gym. Contact Pat Ehney if you have any questions or need further Information.

Sunday, January 7th is our **annual service of ordination and installation** of new church deacons and elders and Aveleigh’s first communion service for 2018. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. Communion service will be at 10:30 a.m. followed by a “Get to Know New Officers” lunch in Truesdell Hall.

Ushers for December are Cindy Jackson & Heath McCutcheon

Elder for December is Gregg Summer