

**Luncheon  
January 7, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Eating: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by Sun., Dec.31st

**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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I feel like I've lost? \_\_\_\_\_

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**December 10, 2017:**

Total Service Attendance: 108

Sunday School: 73

**Financial Figures:**

Tithes and Offerings for

Dec 10, 2017: \$8,746.00

Tithes and Offerings through

Dec 10, 2017: \$323,218.19

Needed to meet budget through

December 31, 2017: \$344,050.00

**Children's Church for Dec. 17:**

Nursery: Mary Shepherd

Children's Church: Beverly

Summer & Eliza Shepherd

No AWC

**Children's Church for Dec. 24:**

Nursery: Michaela Gayden

No Children's Church

No AWC

**Bread Ministry** today is Cheryl

Parr

**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://www.youtube.com/user/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 (12/17)	8:45 a.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Happy Birthday, Jesus!
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Christmas Musical
	11:30 a.m.	Luncheon
	5:15 p.m.	Aveleigh Ringers
Tues (12/19)	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mother's Morning Out
	9:15 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Prayer Group
	Noon	Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study
Wed (12/20)	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
Sat (12/23)	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

**NEXT WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES**

Sun (12/24)	8:45 a.m.	Abraham Prayer Partners
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Christmas Program Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Worship & Christmas Program
	6:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service Fellowship following
Mon (12/25)		Church Office Closed
Tues (12/26)	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Mother's Morning Out
	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Prayer Group
	Noon	Lewis Davis Men's Bible Study

**Aveleigh Fellowship of Presbyterians**

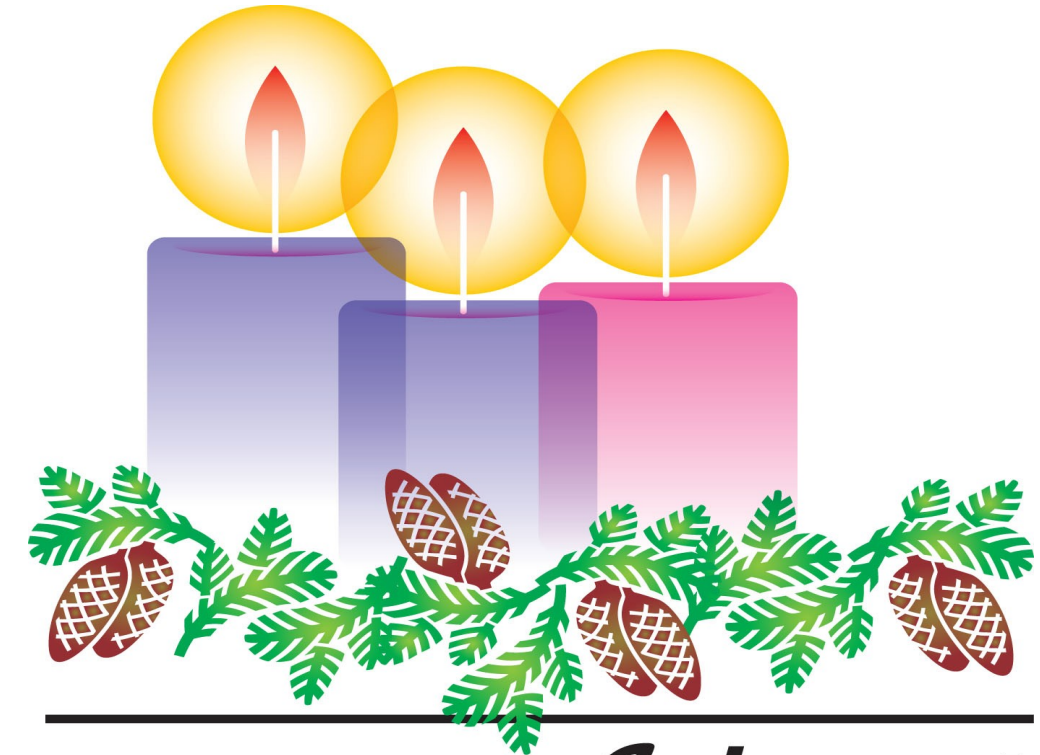
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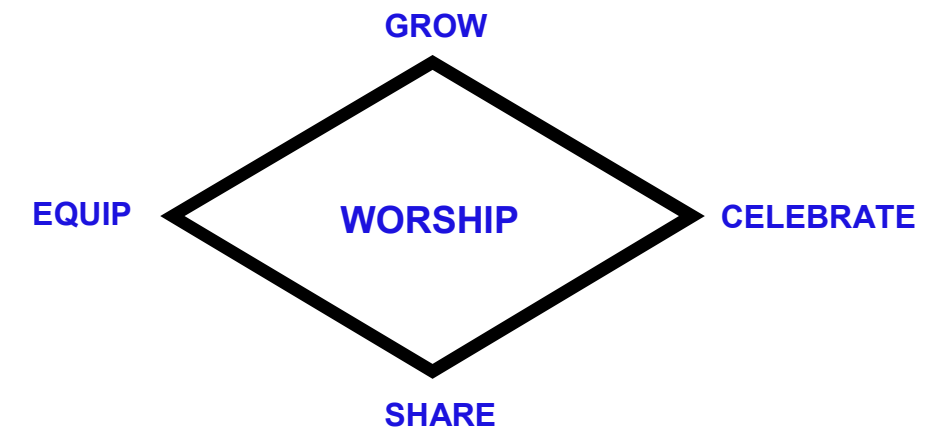
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**December 17, 2017**



**THIRD 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

To Us A Child Is Born:  
A Service of Scripture, Song and Symbol

**Prelude** “Go, Tell It On the Mountain” Cherwien

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

\***Hymn** “Once in Royal David’s City”

**Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

**Lighting of the Candle of Joy** - Sam Price Family

## The Old Testament Promises the Messiah

**Lesson 1:** Genesis 3:8-19

*Carol: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

*Text by Aurelius Prudentius (4<sup>th</sup> century) set to a 12<sup>th</sup> century chant*

**Lesson 2:** Genesis 22:15-18

\**Carol: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

*Text: Charles Wesley (1744) set to music from 1715*

**Lesson 3:** Isaiah 9:2-7

\**Carol: “O Morning Star How Fair And Bright”*

*Text and music by Philipp Nicolai, 1599*

**Lesson 4:** Isaiah 11:1-9

*Call for the Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Offertory: “Joy to the World” Schelat*

## The New Testament: The Messiah Comes!

**Lesson 5:** Luke 1:26-38

*Carol: “No Wind at the Window”*

*Text by John Bell (1992) to a traditional Gaelic tune*

**Lesson 6:** Luke 2:1-7

\**Carol: “Joy Has Dawned”*

*Text and music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend (2004)*

**Lesson 7:** Luke 2:8-16

*Carol: “Forever Amen (Glory to God)”*

*Text and Music by Nordhoff, Neal & Farren (2016)*

**Lesson 8:** Matthew 2:1-11

*Carol: “A Christmas Alleluia”*

*Text and Music by Myrin & Tomlin (2015), arranged by Steve Mauldin*

**Lesson 9:** John 1:1-14

*The Benediction*

*Postlude: We have intentionally ended this service quietly. Please feel free to sit and ‘rest’ a while in God’s presence and grace before you join us for lunch in Truesdell Hall.*

This service is based on a service which John Paarlberg adapted from the traditional service of nine lessons and carols, tracing the story of our salvation from the disobedience of Adam and Eve to the birth of Christ. In this service, following each carol, a symbol is brought forward. Each of these symbols recalls the lesson just read and also points to our redemption in Christ. The symbols serve to remind us that the meaning of Christ's incarnation is not understood apart from his passion and resurrection. The infant in the manger is none other than the one who died on the cross and rose from the grave, bringing light and life to all.

## Announcements

Aveleigh is having a **Luncheon** in Truesdell Hall **today** immediately following our Joint Service **Christmas Hymn Festival**. Please note there will be no AWC Service this day.

**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

**The Angels** have disappeared from the **Angel Tree** and the presents are appearing under it. Thank you to all that are supporting these children. If you have not done so, remember to return your wrapped gifts today.

**Barbara Ellis** will be presenting her annual **Christmas program** on **WKDK** around 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 18th. Please pass along this information to friends and family and join the WKDK listening audience for this Christmas tradition.

**A special Sunday School event.** Sunday, December 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the Aveleigh Chapel hear the “Prophecies of Christmas”. Dr. Van Metre will present a review of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ’s birth. Learn where in the Bible the identity, family, location and even the year of His birth was foretold.

**Volunteers** - We need some volunteers to stay after the 10:30 a.m. Service next Sunday, Dec. 24 for about 10 minutes. We need you to help move the backdrop etc. and set up for our Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. If willing to help, meet at the pulpit area directly after the service. Thanks!

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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship & Children’s Christmas Program  
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service Fellowship following

Sunday, Dec. 31st - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

Sunday, Jan. 7th - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Luncheon following

## 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.

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. There will be a **Luncheon** immediately following this service. Please stay and meet your new officers. **Note** there will be no AWC Service this day and **Sunday School** will be held at **9:30 a.m.** The luncheon will be held in Truesdell Hall. Pastor Mitch’s luncheon team will be serving: chicken, rice and gravy, greens, peas, rolls and dessert. To attend the luncheon, sign up on the Connection Card in today’s bulletin. Cost is \$7 per person (children 12 years and younger is \$2).

Louise Sellers, a prior Aveleigh music director, would like to connect with some of the people of Aveleigh who might remember her. She left in 1998 and now lives in Columbia. She invites you to call her at 803-749-6090 or write to her at 820 Shelter Cove Ct., Columbia, SC 29212.

**Ushers for December** are Cindy Jackson & Heath McCutcheon

**Elder for December is** Gregg Summer