

November 27, 2022

First Sunday in Advent



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH# 204

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH# 206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Refrain

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

NRSV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

NLT

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

6 God sent a man, John the Baptist, 7 to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. 8 John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. 9 The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. 11 He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. 13 They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

14 So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only .

SERMON

God Has a Face

Pastor Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be
done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

UMH# 184

1. Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he
of the things that are, that have been
and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

2. O ye heights of heaven, adore him; angel hosts,
his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our
God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore.

3. Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy
Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unweary
praises be:
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott	Mitch Early	Vance Richardson
Alice Alford	Cicero Gainer	Amy Salley
Matt Amason	Jackie Gray	Janet Sheek
Sheryl Baird	Sibyle Harmon	Nell Simmons
Betty Lou Brame	Elnora Holmes	Hazel Stewart
Peggy Burch	Nancy Hulon	Darlene Thomas
Justin Chamberlain	Brittany Johnson	Tim
Mitzie Conner	Maureen	Helen Wallace
Ralph Conner	Joe Miller Sr.	Curtis Walsh
Lois Crafton	Debbie Mullins	Iris Ward
Dot Davis	Frances Owen	
Erica	David Pittman	
Jimmie Early	Sara Katherine Reid	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

December 1	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
December 4	Advent Bible Study	(9:00am, Sanctuary)
December 4	2nd Sunday of Advent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
December 8	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
December 11	Advent Bible Study	(9:00am, Sanctuary)
December 11	3rd Sunday of Advent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our online giving resource!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT STUDY

During Advent, Ramsey Church is studying together *Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here* by Max Lucado.

WHEN: Sundays, November 27 - December 18 9:00AM

WHERE: Church Sanctuary

Student books are available. To receive a copy, call or email the church office at 804-276-4628 / admin@ramseymemorial.org.

A donation of \$9 is appreciated but not required.



POINSETTIA

If you wish to place a Poinsettia in our sanctuary for the Christmas season, please contact the church office at admin@ramseymemorial.org/804-276-4628.

The cost is \$11.50. We ask that you leave them in the church until December 24. The deadline to order poinsettias is this Tuesday, November 29.



65th LIVING NATIVITY & BETHLEHEM

It's that time of year!

Ramsey will be presenting our **65th** Living Nativity and Bethlehem from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Thursday, December 22nd (Bethlehem and nativity)
- Friday, December 23rd (Bethlehem and nativity)
 - Saturday, December 24th (nativity only)

Make the Living Nativity part of your Christmas celebration this year and please invite others to join you! If you are interested in helping, contact Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net).

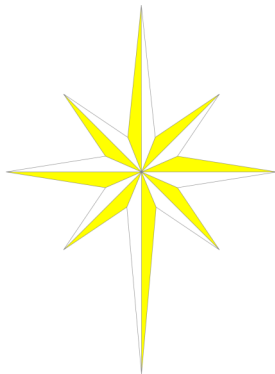


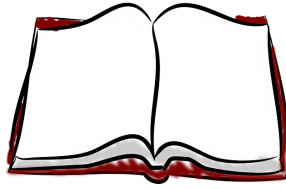
BETHLEHEM SETUP AND TAKE DOWN

Help is appreciated to set up and take down Bethlehem. Below are the dates and activities planned. We anticipate each event will take less than 2 hours.

- December 12 at 3:30 – transform classes
- December 19 at 3:30 – stock tables in the Marketplace
- December 29 at 1:30 – inventory and pack items left in Marketplace
- December 29 at 3:30 – transform rooms back to Sunday School layout

We are in need of small toys that cost under \$2 for our visitors to purchase in the Marketplace (matchbook cars, plastic animals and dinosaurs, puzzles) and gloves for adults and children. Please email Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net) if you can help with any of these efforts.





2023 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ramsey is in the process of putting together an updated church directory for 2023. If you have an information change (phone, address, family additions, etc.) please let the office know by Friday, December 16 at noon. There is a prototype directory available in the back of the Sanctuary where you can see the current information we have for you.

Please either notate changes in the physical directory provided or email your changes to the church office at admin@ramseymemorial.org.

CHURCH-WIDE SURVEY

We want your anonymous input about the long-standing tradition at Ramsey to hold a combined Spanish/English worship service on the 5th Sunday in months with 5 Sundays. Is it still meeting the needs our congregation? Call or email your "almost anonymous" input to these 2 questions to Melissa at 804-276-4628 /

admin@ramseymemorial.org. Only Melissa will know who the input was given by. She will compile it and provide it to the leadership.

Should Ramsey Church continue to offer our joint bilingual fifth Sunday worship service (Ramsey United)? YES NO

Why or why not?

1. _____
2. _____