

Our Service of Worship has ended.
Our Worship through Service begins.

Mary Gray and Charlotte Womack are the acolytes serving today.

Our guest musical artist today is Rudy Currence, Grammy and Dove Award winning producer, Grammy nominated writer and #1 Billboard Gospel recording artist. The son of a pastor, Rudy is a native of Rock Hill, SC, and a graduate of Furman University with a degree in Music. He has appeared on numerous television shows and toured nationally. Rudy is endorsed by Kawai Piano, the world's second largest piano distributor. His writing and producing credits include songs for Quincy Jones, Mya, Ray J, "The Bourne Identity," and David Banner. He has also been featured on projects with Jill Scott, Anthony Hamilton, Ledisi, Chico DeBarge, Raheem DeVaughn, Donald Lawrence and Byron Cage. In 2013, Rudy won both Grammy and Dove awards for his production on Lecrae's album, "Gravity," and in 2015, was again Grammy nominated for writing "Sunday AM" for gospel legend, Karen Clark Sheard. He has performed on stages with major artists like Kirk Franklin, Koryn Hawthorne, Marvin Winans, Keke Wyatt, Regina Belle, Jazmine Sullivan and more. In 2017, Rudy's single, "Testimony," exploded onto the gospel charts, quickly rising to Billboard's Top 20. In early 2021, "I Belong Here" captured the #1 Billboard position on the Gospel Airplay Charts for two consecutive weeks, earning Rudy his first #1 Billboard Hit and the #1 Billboard Gospel Songwriter spot. Rudy's latest single, "No Greater Love," was just released with a guest artist appearance by Grammy Award winning recording artist, Chrisette Michele. His forthcoming album, "Stained Glass Windows" is slated for a Spring 2022 release. Rudy shares, "I'm just an everyday PK, but I believe my music will inspire, encourage and heal millions around the world." For more information, visit www.RudyCurrence.com or follow on Instagram/ Clubhouse / Facebook/ YouTube: @RudyCurrence and Tik Tok/ Twitter: @Rudy_Currence

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 28

12:00noon-4:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

Appointments are appreciated but not required to donate blood with The Blood Connection.

5:00pm LGBTQ & Friends Community Group (Fellowship Hall)

All are welcome to support, learn and fellowship with the LGBTQ community in our church.

Wednesday, December 1

Wednesdays at First Activities

Wednesdays at First provides a meal, fellowship and spiritual formation opportunities for all ages. See block for more information.

5:00-7:00pm Youth Christmas Decorating Party and Senior Tree (AYMC)

6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship: Backgrounds – Stories behind the Birth Narratives of Jesus with Jim Dant (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, December 3

10:30am Senior Adult Lunch and More: Amy Joye – Christmas Music (Fellowship Hall)

Senior adults gather for games, book reviews and program followed by lunch.

Saturday, December 4

Roadrunners to Mill Town Players Performance of *Jingle Bell Rock*

Roadrunners are senior adults who enjoy a monthly outing and meal together.

Sunday, December 5

9:15am Advent Sunday School Series:

Christmas through the Generations
Youth Panel (Fellowship Hall)

The Spiritual Formation Committee offers a churchwide Sunday School option during the season of Advent.

10:30am Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Service (Sanctuary) with Proclaimer Jim Dant and Sanctuary Choir with Chamber Orchestra

Financial Needs as of 11/27

\$2,530,762

Receipts as of 11/19

\$2,205,479

Lula Whilden World

Missions Offering as of 11/19

\$39,267

Wednesdays at First Schedule

3:00-6:00pm Youth Hang Time (AYMC Terrace Level)

4:45-6:00pm Supper Serving Lines Open (Fellowship Hall)

5:30-7:00pm Preschool and Children's Music and Missions (C300 & B400 Halls)

6:00-7:00pm Youth Bible Study (AYMC Terrace Level)

6:15-7:00pm MidWeek Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

7:00-8:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

A Community of Believers. Each Member A Minister.



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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

Ten Thirty O'Clock



Prelude "Do You Hear What I Hear"
arr. Shelton Ridge Love

Opening Sentences Jim Dant

Do you hear what I hear?

Children giggling in the narthex, parents sighing in the pews.

Do you hear what I hear?

A song of joy and anticipation rising from the choir loft.

Do you hear what I hear?

The sounds and sights of the season are among us. Let us rejoice!

Choral Call to Worship BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN
"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Welcome of Worshipers Jim Dant

Family Dedication

Ryan and Sara Ashley Richardson with Liam

Procession of the Green

"Deck the Halls"

"The Holly and the Ivy"

"Hark the Herald"

Music is included on inserted booklet.

All children and youth are invited to the Narthex to process poinsettias.

Litany of the Green Mary Carol Anderson

Arise and shine, for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Let the glory of cypress and pine beautify the sanctuary of our Lord.

The evergreen is an emblem of peace, joy and victory. It is the most common symbol of this holy season.

We dedicate these evergreens to you, O God. Ever-green and ever-alive, may they remind us of Your unchanging nature and the everlasting life that is ours through Christ Jesus.

Paraments – banners and cloths – adorn the communion table, pulpit, and shoulders of your servants. Their purple color signifies royalty and calls our attention to the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings.

We dedicate these garments to you, O God. May they inspire us to enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise.

The poinsettia is the "Flower of the Holy Night." Bearing the shape of a star and the color of blood, it holds the breadth of our Lord's life in its foliage. At the base of our pulpit, it beckons us to listen to the sacred story of the season.

We dedicate these flowers to you, O God. We will heed their invitation to open our ears and our hearts to your Word.

Our Christmas tree is adorned with both Chrismons – symbols of the person of Jesus – as well as lights – to symbolize that Jesus is "the light."

We dedicate this Christmas tree to you, O God. May our lights shine brightly this holiday season as we share the meaning of Christmas with our world.

The season of Advent is a season of waiting. Four candles of the Advent wreath form a circle around the white candle – the Christ candle. There are four candles for four weeks of waiting. Their circular shape symbolizes the continual power and presence of God. Today we light the purple candle of Hope. The pink candle – the candle of joy – is lit on the third Sunday of Advent to celebrate our close proximity to the ending of the season. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve – a single, simple, powerful light that represents the birth of God's son and the breach of the world's darkness.

We dedicate this Advent Wreath to you, O God. May it light our path as we patiently walk the sacred journey of this season. May Christ light our path as we walk the sacred journey of our lives.

Arise and shine for your light has come! The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Let the glory of cypress and pine beautify the sanctuary of our Lord. Hallelujah! Amen!

Musical Celebration

"Christmas Time Is Here" *arr. Rudy Currence*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful Medley"
arr. Rudy Currence

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Scripture Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Matt Rollins
page 856 of the Bible in the pew rack

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Reflection "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *arr. Rudy Currence*

Message Seeing Christmas Everywhere Jim Dant

Carol of Invitation "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH
Music is included on inserted sheet.

*Invitation to Offering Jim Dant
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
(Jeremiah 33:14)

Musical Offering "Jesus, Wonderful Child" *arr. Rudy Currence*

Introduction of New Members

Service and Fellowship of the Church

*Doxology (Hymn 32) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Benediction Jim Dant

Postlude "Creator of the Stars of Night"
arr. David M. Cherwien

Celebration Peal of the Advent Bell of Hope