

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

Merry Christmas

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1: 14)

"New Gathering Time" for praise, worship, prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. Once a month on Communion Sundays, Next Gathering, Sunday Dec. 4, @ 6:00-7:00 PM.

Wednesday Prayer, Fellowship, and Bible Study

Special Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, 6 pm. No Sunday morning service on Dec. 25, suspended to spend time with family on Christmas Day

JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

Today marks the first Sunday on the ancient Christian calendar called "**Adventus**". It is the Latin word translated from the Greek word "**Parousia**". Both words refer to 'coming'. So for believers, Christmas is a celebration of Christ's Nativity and his Triumphant, Second Coming. We remember his birth because of his life, death, burial, resurrection, and return to establish God's kingdom on earth. This is the promise of both Old and New Testament Scripture. Christmas includes so many wonderful things like gatherings, holidays, decorated trees, gifts, and food. These things are important, particularly at this beautiful time of year but they can quickly lose significance if we overlook the wisdom of Who this is all about. *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Isaiah 9: 6)

CARPET CAMPAIGNE UPDATE

The Board of Deacons has decided to carpet the entire Sanctuary at this stage of the campaign. It takes several weeks for the material to arrive after it is ordered. The Sanctuary carpet will therefore be installed in early 2017. We are still short by approximately \$3,000.00 for this portion of the project so we are asking you to help, if you can, with this short-fall. Thanks!