

# Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church of Landrum

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:30 AM

DECEMBER 3, 2017

PRELUDE

Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor

INVOCATION

Rev. Bowers

GATHERING HYMN

*The Church in the Wildwood*

Cokesbury # 121

HYMN

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

UM Hymnal # 211

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Traditional version*

**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;**

**the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**The holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* Universal*

RESPONSIVE READING

*Psalms 80*

UM Hymnal # 801

Mr. Mason Grigg, Leader

MORNING PRAYERS:

Rev. Bowers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

LIGHTING OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ADVENT CANDLE

WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY

The Ushers and Congregation

HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UM Hymnal # 196

SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 64:1-9 (p 652)*

Rev. Bowers, Reader

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p 155)*

GOSPEL READING

*Mark 13:24-37 (p 47)*

Rev. Bowers, Reader

SERMON

***Beginning with the End in Mind***

Rev. Bowers

PARTING HYMN

***A Charge to Keep I Have***

Cokesbury #74

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bowers

POSTLUDE

Ms. Oliver

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**A cordial welcome** is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

**The altar flowers** today are given by Charlie and Sally Thompson in loving memory of Sally's mother and father.

**Invite your friends** and neighbors to join us as we gather for worship during this special time of year. In addition to worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., we will gather on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. for our traditional Candlelight Communion Service. Everyone is welcome!

**The 2018 Flower Chart** is now posted at the entrance of the church for those who would like to provide flowers for our worship services. After signing up for a Sunday, please contact \*Susan Davis and provide your detailed information.

Pick up a copy of the **Advent Devotional** at the entrance of the church.

**Poinsettia Orders** will be taken until December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see order form for details.

*'Tis the Season!* The **Landrum Christmas Parade and Stroll** is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m. The **Tryon Christmas Parade** is on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 p.m.

**A Christmas Music Celebration** December 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at Jacksons Grove! Join Susan Davis in a fun and festive celebration of Christmas music, traditions and more! Flyers for the event are available at the entrance of the church.

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***Got an idea? Need a suggestion? Want to get involved? Just want to talk? Facing a challenge? The person below is eager to listen!***

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**Advent Wreath Meditation**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**(December 3, 2017)**



**Reader 1:** But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

**Reader 2:** Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

**Reader 3:** Keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come . . . in the evening, or at midnight, or at dawn. Keep awake. (Mark 13:24-26, 32, 33, 35, 37, NRSV)

**Reader 1:** Such amazing things happen in the sky to herald the return of the Son of Man:

. . . Jesus, coming in the clouds  
. . . the sun grows dark  
. . . the moon doesn't shine  
. . . and stars fall from the heavens

**Reader 2:** So different from that first coming more than 2000 years ago:

. . . with angels singing of God's glory and peace on earth  
. . . with the single star guiding the way to the manger  
. . . with shepherds and wise men -- rich and poor -- coming to worship.

**Reader 3:** And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert, waiting again for the coming of Jesus.

**Pastor:** And we light a single candle to get ready for that glorious day.

*[Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.]*

. . . And even if the sun should grow dark  
. . . even if the moon refuses to shine  
. . . even if the stars should fall from the sky  
. . . we will have Jesus, the Light of the World, to shine brightly in our hearts,  
lighting our way.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," 211 (1<sup>st</sup> Stanza), *The UM Hymnal*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel