

Macedonia Baptist Church

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December 2nd, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent - WEEK OF OFFERINGS FOR LOTTIE MOON

(All of our offering today will go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering)

Welcome and Announcements & Lottie Moon Emphasis

Call to Worship

Advent - Lay Leaders - "The Tribe"

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas.

The *wreath* is evergreen to remind us that God's Kingdom is eternal and His mercy on His children never ends.

Purple is the color of royalty signifying that we are awaiting the King of Kings. In contrast, purple is also the color of suffering. We are reminded that the King came with a purpose – a sacrifice – a great gift to all who would receive it.

Pink is the color of joy as we eagerly anticipate His birth.

The *white candle* reminds us that Christ is the pure and perfect, sinless and spotless lamb of God.

The *light of the candles* declares that Jesus is the Light of the world. "Then Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12 (HCSB)

(Advent liturgy adapted from www.thischurch.com)

First Candle - The Candle of Hope - Purple

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

(Lighting of the First Candle)

"But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me." Micah 7:7 (NIV)

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray:

Congregation: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Hymn #88 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Choir Special - "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Offertory Hymn #122 "Tell Me The Story of Jesus"

Offertory

Special Music - Pastor Bradley Thomas

Message - Pastor Ed Jump

"My Testimony: On the Way to an Appointment" Matthew 28:18-20

Invitation Hymn #287 "Take My Life, Lead Me Lord"

Benediction

THIS WEEK

Today	No Evening Worship	
	Choir Practice	6:00 p.m.
Monday	Prayer service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Fellowship Meal	6:00 p.m.
	Finance Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	The Tribe Student Ministries	6:30-8 p.m.
	Children's Missions & Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Dorcas Sewing for Missions	1:00 p.m.

HIS PROVISION - OUR STEWARDSHIP

Missions \$ 25.00 General \$7,821.45

**TODAY, DECEMBER 2ND, IS OUR WEEK OF OFFERINGS
WHERE ALL OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS GO TO LOTTIE MOON.**

Sunday School attendance last week was 107.

Servant Volunteers This Week

Ushers - Damon & True Youngblood,
Brant Youngblood, Bert Rogers,
Grayson Youngblood, Gabe Yeomans
Security - Bill Casey, Jim Melton
ETC - Katelin Davis, Kelli Miller,
Dianne Hutchinson, Sherline Rogers

Servant Volunteers Next Week

Ushers - Randy Rogers, Chase Rogers,
Clay Rogers, Benny Barrett,
Eli Phillips, Cale Kirby
Security - Joe Rogers, Lloyd MacBride
ETC - Pam Floyd, Lennie Poteat,
Lorie Bradshaw, Frances Dyer

Willie and MJ Wilson wish to express their deepest thanks
for your love and prayers during his illness and recovery.

There is a recommendation from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Deacons that will be voted on December 16th during the morning service. Copies of the constitution are available for your reading. You may stop by the church office for a copy or request one by email. --Jim Rouse, Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chair & Shannon Floyd, Deacon Chair.



Dec. 3 John 2
Dec. 4 John 3
Dec. 5 John 4
Dec. 6 John 5
Dec. 7 John 6: 1-21

On **December 9th** we will deliver our **CHRISTMAS FRUIT BASKETS** immediately following the morning service.



Then, (on the 9th) at **5 p.m.** we will have our **Church-wide Christmas Party**. We will be playing a "gift swapping game" so bring a gift that's at least \$5 but not more than \$10. Children under 12 should bring an exchange gift. (Everyone bring finger foods to enjoy.)

