

THE INFORMER OF THE
FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From the Pastor...What is Advent?

We are a people of promise. For centuries, God prepared people for the coming of his Son, our only hope for life. At Christmas we celebrate the fulfillment of the promises God made—that God would give a way to draw near to him.

Advent is what we call the season leading up to Christmas. It begins four Sundays before December 25. This year it begins on November 29.

For four weeks, it's as if we're re-enacting, remembering the thousands of years God's people were anticipating and longing for the coming of God's salvation, for Jesus.

That's what *advent* means—*coming*. Even God's people, who foretold the grace that was to come, didn't know "what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating." They were waiting, but they didn't know what God's salvation would be like when it arrived.

We Christians on this side of Jesus' birth are a God-blessed, happy people because we know God's plan. The ancient waiting is over. We have the greatest reason to celebrate. ([Desiring God.org](http://DesiringGod.org))

Let us enter this season of Advent with great anticipation of what is to come. May the church experience Advent in a new way this year.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Upcoming Events

November 29
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Food Collection
Announce Elder Nominations

December 1 - TUESDAY
11:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

December 6
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Holy Communion
Toy Collection
12:00 p.m. CPWM Luncheon Meeting

December 9 - WEDNESDAY
11:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

December 13
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders
5:00 p.m. Christmas Craft Sale, Bake Sale & Singing Carols

December 16 - WEDNESDAY
11:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

December 20
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
10:00 a.m. Christmas Brunch

December 23 - WEDNESDAY
11:00 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study –
Finger Food Potluck lunch

December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00-6:30 p.m. Come and Go
Communion

YOUTH will meet each Sunday of Advent at 9:30 a.m. for special lessons.

Welcome New Members

Andre' and Kathy Marrou came forward on Sunday, November 15, 2015 to request to join the church. They have been attending Worship services and Sunday school for over a year. Once the church had installed their pastor, the Marrou's requested to transfer their membership from a Presbyterian, USA congregation.

Andre' and Kathy are both Master Gardeners. They are enjoying retirement by travelling, enjoying nature (Andre') and teaching yoga classes (Kathy).

Brown Bag Bible Study

Beginning December 1, we will meet at 11:00 a.m. for an Advent Bible Study at the church. Please bring your lunch and munch while we study, "The Messiah: An Advent Study." Written by world-renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, this four-session adult study takes a critical look at the four royal titles used in Isaiah 9:2-7: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Adults will be challenged to learn how the people understood those titles during Jesus' time and discuss how Jesus did or did not fulfill the titles.

Copies of the study will be available on Sunday. After the first meeting, we will be meeting on Wednesdays.

Christmas Craft Sale Bake Sale & Singing Christmas Carols

Come join us on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a special holiday time.

Those in the church with special talents will bring forth their wonderful baked goods. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to the CPWM to aid in their mission projects that are done throughout the year.

In addition, those who make handmade crafts will have their items on display. There will be several beautiful crafts available to buy for gifts.

While shopping for everyone on your list, the choir will be leading us in Christmas carols to get us in the holiday spirit. Invite your friends! Bring your kids! Plan to enjoy!

Attendance and Offering

Nov. 1	33	\$1,071.63
Nov. 8	32	1,806.51
Nov. 15	37	1,067.65
Nov. 22	40	1,106.00
Nov. 29 (to be included next month)		

Average Needed/Month
\$7,440.00



Andre' and Kathy Marrou

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Pastor's Church Office Hours:
Mon.—Thurs.: 9:00 a.m.—Noon
*Except 1st Wednesday of the month.

Wednesdays: 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Other Afternoon/Evening Hours
are available by appointment, for
visitation or for meetings.

Pastor Kristi is available at all
times for emergencies & crisis of
families and friends of the
church. Please call her cell
number.



Prayers and Praises

Keep in prayer: Oleta Hodges, Debra Santens, Erin Justice, Martin Blake, the family of Tom Hook, the family of Gerald Davidson.

Praises: Decision and Baptism of **Toby and Judy Thomason's** two granddaughters. New members, **Andre' and Kathy Marrou.**

Thanks to: Jay and Rhonda Thomas for providing the ham and turkeys for our Thanksgiving dinner. The **Youth Class, Jay & Hannah, Cheryl & Cyndi** for the beautiful, new Chrismos on our sanctuary Chrismon tree.

Youth will meet each Sunday during Advent.

Jay and Hannah Lindsay have some special service projects planned.

Come join us!

Don't forget!

Elder nominations from the Session will be announced November 29th.

Elder Election and Installation will be held in a Congregational Meeting at the end of the Worship Service on December 13. Those who are non-members of the church are most welcome to attend and support the new elders but unable to vote in the election.

A New Tradition: Christmas Brunch

Pastor Kristi and her family will be providing a Brunch for the congregation to enjoy on Sunday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join us for the fellowship and food in the fellowship hall prior to Worship. No need to bring anything except a hearty appetite— everything will be provided.

Christmas Eve Come and Go Communion

The church will be providing a traditional "Come and Go" Communion on Christmas Eve from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. All church families and friends are invited to attend.

There will not be a sign-up sheet for a specific time; however, if another family is in the sanctuary when you arrive, we ask that you wait in the foyer or in the Cecil and Lucy White library until the sanctuary is available for the next family.

Hanging of the Greens





Installation of Our Pastor: Rev. Kristi Lombard
November 8, 2015