

It is a privilege to have you join us today in praising God.

We hope you will return to share worship with us. If you are interested in learning more about the congregation or perhaps church membership, please call the church office at 228-255-5556 or Pastor Jason at 706-968-8395.

Large print copies of today's hymns are available in the Narthex.

Please ask the Greeters or Ushers for a copy and return the copies to the Narthex so they may be used again. Hearing devices are available each week. Please see an usher if you would like one.

Members and friends may sign up in Fellowship Hall to provide flowers for placement in the Sanctuary on any Sunday that is open. Call the office with any questions, 255-5556.

Fellowship Time is offered after both worship services. We encourage everyone to enjoy refreshments, welcome visitors and greet each other. Today's refreshments are provided by Doug and JJ Skinner (8) and The Fellowship Committee (10).

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. – Infants to Kindergarten age are cared for in the nursery.

(Parents – If needed, there is a Family Room located through the double doors at the rear of the Sanctuary. It contains a crib, rockers and a window. You will be able to hear and see the Worship Service. If you do use the family room, please sign in and add any suggestions you may have to make the room better.)

10:00 a.m. - Children from Grades K -5 may leave church with a leader for Children's Church following "Passing of the Peace."

Assisting in the Worship Service

Lay Reader: Steven Spillmann

Acolyte: Sophia DeJong (10)

Greeters: Nancy Farmer & Sally Lindsley (10)

Ushers & Offering Stewards: Doug & JJ Skinner (8)

Communion Stewards: Karen & LM Rice (8) Vicki Harlan, Jeanine Stone, Michael & Melissa Reso, Dan Seliga (10)

Session

Rev. Jason Edwards, Moderator; Bill Buchanan, Clerk of Session

Session Class of 2018 – Chad Coats, CYM; Stephen Parnell, Christian Education; Karen Rice, Fellowship & Service; Dan Seliga, Building & Facilities

Session Class of 2019 – Josh Lindsey, Outreach; Dana Nelson, Membership; Joan Parmelee, Administration & Communication; Doug Stovall, Family Ministries

Session Class of 2020 – Nita Hensley, Mission; Mike Reso, Finance/Stewardship; Steve Spillmann, Worship

Other Chairs and Vice Chairs –Jere Hess, Little School Board Chair

Deacons

Betty Lou Walker, Moderator

Class of 2018

Phyllis Dowell

Vicki Harlan

Betty Lou Walker

Class of 2019

Kay Bodamer

Dawna Meyn

Jeannine Stone

Class of 2020

Nancy Brashier

Joyce Minton

Gail Seliga

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason C. Edwards

Admin. Secretary/Treasurer: Laura Deese

Youth Leader: Chad Coats

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Charles R. Jones

Choir Director: Barbara Knapstein

Organist: Renee' McClendon

Diamondhead Community Church

Gather, Grow and Go,
In the Name of Jesus Christ

First Sunday of Advent



Our mission is to gather to pray and worship together, to grow in our faith through study of scripture, to foster personal relationships with God and one another, and to go diligently to spread the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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DIAMONDHEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018, 8 A.M. AND 10 A.M.

JASON C. EDWARDS, PASTOR

Prelude "Christmas Joy" Steven Scott

Welcome and Church Notices Steve Spillman

Please take a moment to pass the red friendship pad so all may register their presence with us.

If you are visiting us for the first time, WELCOME!

Music Ministry Processional "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (10) arr. Cottrell

† Call To Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Hope

Reader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

Reader: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming. For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

† Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" No. 245

Call to Confession:

Brother and sisters, like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done. Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life. With that assurance, let us confess our sins first silently and then together.

Prayer of Confession:

(A time for personal confession)

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, the grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord! Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Call to Worship:

We need to be "called" to come and worship God because we default to thinking the world revolves around our needs and agendas and also because we struggle to believe that God truly wants us to draw near to him. The call to worship focuses our attention on God and prepares us to meet him.

Confessing Our Sin:

Because sin is so pervasive in both our individual and corporate lives, we are called to come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our failures and brokenness and asking for both healing and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We confess individually so that we might own our personal failing toward God and toward others in thought, word, and deed.

Corporate Confession:

...and we confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness.

Assurance of Pardon:

Christ has given the Church authority to declare forgiveness of sin in his name. Because of this, when the liturgist proclaims that your sins are forgiven, you can know that Christ agrees.

† Passing of the Peace

Children in Grades K-5 will be excused for Children's Church (10)
(Nursery care is provided from 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. in the Admin. Building)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespases, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY "Angels and Shepherds" Patricia Lou Harris

† DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 815

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sermon

"The Cloud "

Luke 21:25-36

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† Affirmation of Faith:

Apostle's Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 460

Celebration Of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Prayer

† Hymn "At the Name of Jesus" No. 766

† Charge and Benediction

† Postlude "Carols of Joy and Gladness" Lani Smith



The Sermon:

The reading and preaching of God's word stands at the center of worship and constitutes one of the privileged moments of worship. As we open the written word, we corporately encounter the living word, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as you listen, pray to be open to the Spirit's leading, exhortation, encouragement, and healing.

The Offering:

The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship. The money given at the offering is a token and symbol of our desire to devote our whole selves to God's service in response to God's faithfulness to us.

The Lord's Supper:

Is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us. A richly symbolic act, the celebration of the Lord's Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

When an (8) or (10) follows an element of service, it represents the (8) o'clock service or (10) o'clock service.

† When this symbol precedes an element of service, please rise in body or spirit if able.

Prayer Concerns

(Please call the church office to add updates on the people named below or to add someone to our Prayer Concern list.)

Bill Bottomley, friend of Jon O'Regan; Michelle Coble, Dori Curbelo (Carl & Ligia Reavis' daughter); Julie Davis (Greggory Daniels mother); Jere Hess, Audrey Jenkins (friend of Helen Moore), Jennifer Jenkins (daughter of Marcus & Del Rowe), Dr. Mark Jenson, Don Kraemer, Fred Lowe, Terry McDaniel (son-in-law of Martha Bryan) Carl Moran, Duff Morgan (friend of Jon O'Regan); Gene & Barbara Nicks, Carl & Ligia Reavis, Joseph Ruggles, Beth Skeen, Esma Lee Smith; Jon Trimmer, and Donna White. **In the Military:** Franklin Crochet, Capt. Brandon Donaldson, Jeremiah Hanna, Drew LeGros (grandson of Irene Lear), Navy; Gary Light; former member Matt Miller, U.S. Army, Afghanistan; Dennis Necaie, Branden Witt, classified locations, Air Force, (deployed to Kuwait;) Air Force; Larry Threadgill, Navy Seal and Youth Night attendees' parent. Brandon VanBenthuyzen, and Michael Van Benthuyzen, grandchildren of Tay & Carol Guilmino. Brandon is a Green Beret assigned to Afghanistan and Michael is in Helicopter training in Virginia. **Members in long-term alternative living arrangements:** Lois Anderson, Maggie MacMillan, Dr. Wesley McFarland, Dot Morrison, Joann Powell, John Stevens, Ed Streeter, Doris Sturm, and Margaret Williamson.

Activities for the Week

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. – Worship
9 a.m. – Nursery care begins, Admin. Bldg.

Monday, December 3, 2018

10 a.m. - PrimeTimers
5 p.m. - Bell Choir practice
6:30 p.m. - Praise Band Practice

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

8 a.m. - Men of the Church Meeting
8:30 a.m. - Building & Facility Committee Meeting
9 a.m. - Living Springs Practice
10 a.m. - Advent by Candlelight Rehearsal
10 a.m. - PW Mary/Martha Day

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

7 a.m. - Men's Bible Study
Meets at the Diamondhead Country Club
9 a.m. - Circle of Prayer Gathering - Sanctuary
5:15 - 6:45 p.m. - Youth Night
6:30 P.M. - Choir Practice

Thursday, December 6, 2018

9 a.m. - Living Springs Practice
5:30 p.m. - Family Ministries Committee Meeting
6:30p.m. - 8p.m. - Advent by Candlelight Decorating
7 p.m. - A.A. Meeting—Conference Room

Friday December 7, 2018

7 p.m. - Advent by Candlelight

Congregational Meeting

A short Congregational Meeting will be held following both Worship Services on Sunday, December 9. The purpose of the meeting is to vote to elect deacons and elders for the Class of 2021.

Treasurer's Report

November 18, 2018 Total	7,819.25
Envelope Offerings	5,691.00
Loose Plate Offerings	441.00
PW Pledge	100.00
Building Fund	155.00
Endowment Fund	1,275.00
Family Aid	50.00
Poinsettias Income	105.25
PW Donations	2.00

Church Financial Report

Year to Date as of October 2018
Income \$246,116 Expenses \$239,356
Net Operating Profit \$6,760

Birthdays

Denise Spillmann 12/02	Myrna Burney 12/18
Patty Noeller 12/04	Linda Naron 12/18
Sharon Hudson 12/07	Yvonne Luck 12/19
Lamar Naron 12/11	Nancy Brashier 12/20
Nathan Lambeth 12/12	Brittany Brewer 12/24
Jackie Moran 12/12	Annette Saucier 12/24
Judy Schueren 12/12	Joan Parmelee 12/25
Doug Skinner 12/16	

Anniversaries

Bob & Carol Benzing	12/04/1964
Steve & Penny Bullock	12/24/1972
Bill & Noni Buchanan	12/28/1968
Richard & Belva Gillespie	12/31/2005

Attendance, Sunday, September 16, 2018

8 a.m. - 31; 10 a.m. - 86, Total = 117

Youth Attendance, Wed., September 19, 2018

Adults - 6; Youth - 20; Total = 26

Meal Provide by

The Lunde Family



DCC's Annual Christmas pageant will occur this year during the 10am worship service on Sunday, December 23rd. We are seeking youth that can participate in this narrated production, which will not require them to speak any lines, nor sing any songs. For more information, or to sign up for roles, contact Chad Coats, DCC's Youth Leader, at chad.coats@yahoo.com, or at 228.342.7620.

Please join us **Tuesday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m.** for PW's Mission workday at the church. We will be making treat bags for Woodland Village residents and children at the food pantry. Bring any leftover Halloween candy as well as small toys. We have a good time doing something good for others, so hope you can be there.

PWs in our presbytery will gather for a Winter Retreat on **January 11-12** at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, MS. The cost is \$80 single or \$70 double which includes room and meals. Call Noni Buchanan by Dec. 13 if you'd like to submit your name for a chance on a scholarship. This year's theme will be sharing the stories of our member churches.



The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sunday, December 16th @ 4:30 p.m.** There are four entrées to choose from. Orders to go will be available. The cost this year is Adults \$12.00 and children 12 and under

\$8.00. A maximum of \$30.00 for families with dependent children. All checks should be made out to DCC. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Adult BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education

The study on *Philippians* is on-going in the Conference Room following the 8:00 a.m. Worship service. Study leaders are Josh and Kristi Lindsey.

The study *Jesus Calling: Experience God's Presence* also follows the 8: a.m. Worship service. Study leaders are Ginny Eblen and Lenita Cuervo.

Mid-Week Adult Christian Education

There is an on-going Men's Bible Study (the Matthew Group) that meets every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. The group is currently studying the *Gospel of Mark*.

Three Presbyterian Women Circles meet at the church: Lydia meets on Tuesday December 18 at 6:30 p.m.. Dorcas and Anna circles will not meet in December.

It's time again to volunteer to shop for Hancock Middle School students whose families need help this Christmas. If you can shop for one or two students, please pick up a name (and a Christmas bag for the gifts) at the table by the small Christmas tree. The Mission Committee will reimburse you \$50 for each student when you turn in receipts. Full instructions, sizes and information are

included with each name. Get in the Christmas spirit and help the Mission Committee spread the joy of the season!

Please consider hosting Fellowship Hour on Sundays when no one has signed up to be a host/ hostess. Grab a friend or two and choose a Sunday to host. (Refreshments are your choice and can be as simple as just cookies, donuts, etc. The church provides the coffee. Call the office at 228-255-5556 with any questions.)



Coast Chorale Presents: In the Fullness of Time, He Came!

**Tuesday, December 11
6:30 PM**

• The concert is FREE. Donations are gratefully accepted.

Bible Verse of the Week Luke 21:25-28

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heaven will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”