

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below. The cost is \$12 each.

Name _____

Number of poinsettias _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Divine Rhythm

Divine Rhythm is a spiritual-renewal opportunity for young adults in Holston Conference. The event is designed for people ages 18 to 35 and will take place in Gatlinburg from January 26-28. Please contact Steve Reis by TODAY if you are interested.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 10/31/17

Revenues	415,933
Operating Expenses	460,833
Surplus/(Deficit)	(44,901)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 17-23, 2017

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service with Christmas Cantata
 3:00 Youth Leadership Council
 4:30 Children & Youth Activities
 5:30 Children & Youth Snack Supper
 6:15 The Branch
 6:30 Scripture Study Class Party at Hunter's Lake Clubhouse

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00 Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 Staff Meeting
 6:30 Security Team Meeting- Open Door Class

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers- gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

10:00-noon Children & Youth Birthday Party for Jesus at Family Skate Center

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:

USHERS: David Denny, Ernie Walker, Ken Talley, Dale Schmitt
GREETERS: Art Eckerson, Brian & Cathie Rosecrance, Mark & Polly Crowder, Kent & Midge Merrill
PRAYER: Johnny Qualls **CROSSBEARER:** Josie Roberts
ACOLYTE: Jaliyah Woods **BEADLE:** Renee Jah
AUDIOVISUAL: Ethan Morelock

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Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin

Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here.

Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Toccata" Donald Hustad

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF ANTICIPATION** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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.

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirit by Thine advent here;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel.

GOSPEL READING John 1:6-8

HOMILY "The Light Came Into the World" Mr. Steve Gross

OFFERTORY "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Mark Hayes

