

**Please Remember in Prayer:**

For the Church and the world:

- The people of Burundi, Israel, Papua New Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, and Armenia
- Victims of Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- Victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia
- Victims of wildfires in California
- Peace in Afghanistan
- Peace in Korea
- Peace in Syria
- Peace in Yemen
- Peace in Myanmar

For the community and our friends and family:

- Joanne Godsey
- Lanier Godsey, Jr.
- John Jones
- Rob Lambert
- Helen Lapyrouse
- Sandra McLellan
- Larry Norwood
- Joyce Puleo
- Al Smith

*If you would like to sponsor a name for the prayer list, you may find the blue cards on the information desk in the narthex. Fill it out and drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor.*

**Houston Memorial United Methodist Church**

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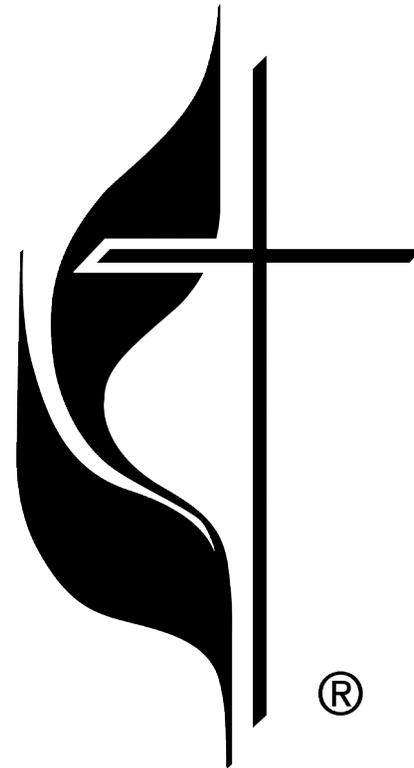
Sunday School: 10AM • ...And Coffee: 10:30AM

Traditional Worship: 11AM

Contemporary Worship: First Sundays at 9:45AM

Bible Study: Thursday at 10AM at Wild Magnolia Coffee House

# Houston Memorial United Methodist Church



## The First Sunday of Advent

11AM Holy Eucharist

2 December 2018

*Celebrating our 133<sup>rd</sup> year of worship and service in this community.*

*Houston Memorial is a place where we care for one another as God's people  
and we love and seek the ones whom God loves.*

## Order of Worship

*Hymn in Procession	Insert
<i>Come, Thou, Redeemer of the Earth</i>	
*Greeting	
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. <b>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.</b>	
*Collect for Purity and collect of the day	
Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Response from the Psalter	Psalms 25:1-9
Epistle Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
*Gradual Hymn	Insert
<i>The King Shall Come</i>	
*Gospel Reading	Luke 21:25-36
Sermon	On Preparing for Christ's Return
*Affirmation of Faith	880
<i>Nicene Creed</i>	
Prayers of the People	
Prayer of Confession and Pardon	
Parish Notices	
Offering	
*Doxology	95
*Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion	15
*Procession into the World	718
<i>Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending</i>	
*Dismissal with Blessing	
Let us go forth in the name of Christ. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Numbers indicated are taken from The United Methodist Hymnal.*

### Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Liturgists

<i>This week (12/2)</i>	<i>Next week (12/9)</i>
Ethan Moore, Crucifer	Eli Moore, Crucifer
Pam Stewart, lessons	Marlene Oliver, lessons
Marlene Oliver, prayers	Pam Stewart, prayers
Peggy Freeman, Communion	Peggy Owens, Communion

## Parish Notices

**Tuesday, 4:30-5:30PM:** Main Street Ministries distribution.

**Wednesday, 6PM:** Prayer group in the Parish Hall. No experience necessary. You don't have to pray aloud unless you want. Everyone is welcome!

**Thursday, 10AM:** Bible study at Wild Magnolia Coffee House in Double Springs. Read Luke 1:26-38 to prepare.

**Sunday, December 9:**

- **8:30AM:** Men's breakfast (Parish Hall)
- **10AM:** Adult Sunday school
- **10:30AM:** ...And Coffee (Parish Hall)
- **11AM:** Traditional worship (Sanctuary)
- **6PM:** Special called Administrative Board meeting (Parish Hall)

**Monday, December 10, 6PM:** The Houston Memorial chapter of the United Methodist Women invites you to join in on a Christmas cookie swap! Bring your favorite cookies and recipe and share with others.

**Sunday, December 30, 6PM:** Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting. Members are: Betty Hunter (chair), Peggy Freeman, Debi Swaney, Owene Godsey, Joanne Godsey, Doris Mixon, and Pam Stewart.

**The Administrative Board** is having a special called meeting Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6PM to discuss three specific items. They are: to consider the budget for Worship on the Water as submitted by the WOW Operations Team, to pass a resolution dealing with signature rights on the church's bank account at Traders and Farmers Bank, and to elect Carl Godsey to the finance committee as an at-large member. In a special called meeting "only such business shall be transacted as is in harmony with the purposes stated in the call" (*Discipline* ¶246.7). Our next regular meeting is scheduled for January 13 at 6PM; any and all business may be considered at regular meetings.

**Our Communion offering** for the Season of Advent and the Season of Christmas (December) will go to the United Methodist Children's Home.

**Find the weekly Scripture reading guide** on the information table in the Narthex. It is a booklet which covers from now through Christmas.

### Come, Thou, Redeemer of the Earth

- 1 Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin-birth:  
Let every age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.
- 2 Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
The Savior, now to us displayed.
- 3 From God the Father he proceeds,  
To God the Father back he speeds,  
Runs out his course to death and hell,  
Returns on God's high throne to dwell.
- 4 O equal to thy Father, thou!  
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now,  
The weakness of our mortal state  
With deathless might invigorate.
5. All laud eternal Son, to Thee;  
Whose Advent sets thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost, for evermore.

### The King Shall Come

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 O brighter than the rising morn  
When he, victorious, rose,  
And left the lonesome place of death,  
Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 O brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall this fair morning be,  
When Christ our King in beauty comes,  
And we his face shall see!
5. The king shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings;  
Hail, Christ the Lord! thy people pray,  
Come quickly, King of Kings!

## Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
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and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
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repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
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far as, far as, the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
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