

**Liturgist and Scriptures for next Sunday - December 29**

Isaiah 63:7-9m Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23

Swords: Ron Hess – Fork Chapel: Jim Young

**Joint Christmas Eve Candle Light Communion**

**Swords, Fork Chapel, and New Hope Baptist**

**5:00 p.m. at Fork Chapel**

**Liturgy of the Advent Wreath, Christmas Eve**

Swords: Tom and Doris Roberts

**Liturgist and Scriptures for Christmas Eve Service**

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-20, John 1:1-14

Lay Servant Ron Hess and Rev. Mike Pritchett

**Little Drummer Boy: Lyrics**

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum  
A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum  
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

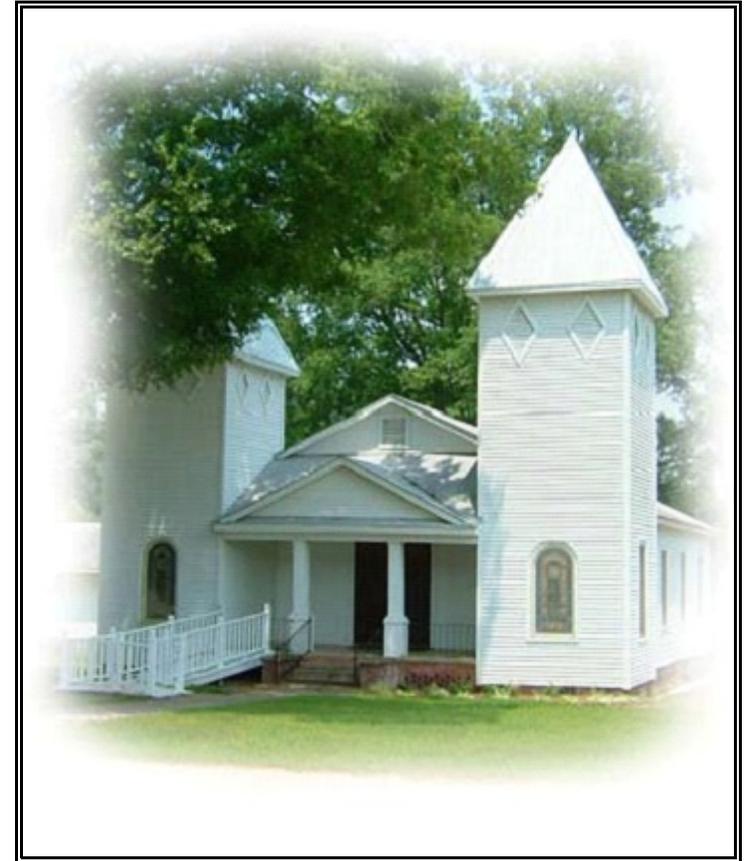
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
When we come.

Baby Jesu, pa rum pum pum pum  
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum  
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum  
That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,  
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum  
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum  
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,  
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum  
Me and my drum.



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December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Advent

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Music for Gathering

Opening Prayer

The Advent Candle of Joy +Lynne Hester/Leroy and Donna Rice

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from the hell of sorrow and death, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. (Psalm 30:2-3, 5b) NRSV)

*We light the candle of joy as a reminder that whether we climb the highest heavens, or make our bed in the pit of despair and hell, God is with us.*

Let us pray: **Gracious God, our hearts leap for joy knowing that you, though almighty and everlasting, will soon be born as a humble baby, revealing to us the depths of your love for all of creation. By your Spirit, give us the courage to share the everlasting joy of your messiah. Amen.**

A Musical Celebration of Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child  
"The Little Drummer Boy" (Lyrics on back page)

Prayers of the People for Advent 4 +Louise Hess/Leroy Rice

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 Pew Bible: Swords 529; Fork Chapel: OT 635

Let us pray:  
In the hushed anticipation of your coming O Lord, remind us that you are always with us, that like Joseph we might always be eager to fulfill your will, and be eager to pray:

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church (especially...), that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your

peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (especially...); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week, (especially...) that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. **Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.**

O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the glorious light of your countenance, that we might be saved. Come Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Pastor's Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Peace

Offering with the Doxology

Special Music Zandy Cook (at Fork Chapel)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 +Pew Bible: Swords 779; Fork Chapel NT 56

Sermon: "From Sorrow to Joy" +Dr. Gavalas

\*Hymn 249: "Joy to the World"

\*Charge and Blessing Dismissal Chorus  
"God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."