

Order of Service

Second Sunday of Advent
Color: Purple

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Get ready, people of God! This day is a day of preparation.

O Lord, open our hearts and make us ready to receive you.

Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

Lord, give us courage and confidence.

May God fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.

Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. Amen.

*PRAISE & WORSHIP Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation.

Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,

that with uprightness of heart and holy joy

we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Joy to the World" #246

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed #881

*GREETING GUESTS & ONE ANOTHER
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Upon hearing the news that his son would be a prophet of the Most High,

Zechariah broke into a song of praise:

"And you, child, will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins."

We light the second Advent candle as an act of praise that by God's mercy,

the Messiah will come to give light to those in darkness,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

O come, o come, Emmanuel.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Come Lord, Jesus, come! Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Mass Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Sasha Hubbard

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4 (CEB)

New Testament: Luke 1:68-79 (CEB)

SONG OF MEDITATION

ALTAR CALL & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children's Church for ages 4-7 dismissed to children's classroom.

Please register children in the Welcome Center.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Mass Choir

Sermon:

Dr. Dedric A. Cowser

*AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

*INVITATIONAL SONG..... "Go! Tell it on the Mountain"

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

*THE DOXOLOGY

*OUR VISION STATEMENT & CLOSING SONG

Leader: My friends, New Beginnings United Methodist Church is...

**Congregation: Transforming lives through mission, ministry and worship
as a prophetic witness for Jesus Christ in the world.**

*BENEDICTION

Church Staff:

Regina Warren, Church Secretary

JonTomas Johnson, Minister of Music & Lead Musician

Nathaniel Wills, Organist

Antonio Anderson, Percussionist

****SECURE ELETRONIC GIVING OPTIONS Online: www.newbeginningsbham.org/give
Text-To-Give: From your smartphone, text the amount you wish to give to (205) 791-5441**

Ministry Opportunities

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of her grandmother, Rebecca Hubbard, and aunt, Julia Fox,
on their birthday month by Adrienne Smith Crawford.

~ Christmas Musical ~

Sunday, December 23rd, 10:30 a.m.
Featuring the New Beginnings Music Department

2018 CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Everyone is invited to a "Birthday Party with Jesus" on Sunday, December 23rd, following the worship service. Each member is asked to give **\$30, \$40, or \$50** above their regular giving to the church in honor of Jesus. Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the pews and you may give your gift at the party or any time before Christmas.

Coins for the Cause Results: Alabama (\$20.63) Auburn (\$32.75) for a total of (\$53.38). Thanks to your generosity our Students Ministries will be able to use these funds as they represent our church and minister to the children and families at the Ronald McDonald House this season.

Sunday School Review & Prayer Meeting: Wednesday, December 12th, 6:00 p.m. Join us as we study this Sunday's Lesson: **Love and Worship God. Psalm 103:1-17a, 21-22.**

Worship & Arts Division Transition Meeting: Monday, December 10th, 6:00 p.m.

Prime Timers (Senior Adult Fellowship & Lunch): Tuesday, December 11th, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Men's Meeting: Saturday, December 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Student Ministries Christmas Party: Saturday, December 15th, 11:00 a.m.

Staff-Parish Relations Team Meeting: Wednesday, December 19th, 6:00 p.m.

Calling all Middle School & High School Students! Students 6th through 12th grade are invited to join Pastor Cowser on the 3rd Sundays after church (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.), beginning in January and ending in May for lunch, learning, and fun. This will be a time to learn more about our faith and fellowship with one another. Please complete the sign-up form in the Welcome Center and return it to the church office by Sunday, December 30th. Once students have completed these sessions, they will be invited to become full professing members of New Beginnings. Those who have not yet been baptized may make a decision to do so at that time. For more information, please contact Pastor Cowser or the church office.

Sunday December 16th: The Mission Ministry is asking all who can to please remain after morning worship serviceside Nursing Home, our Breakfast Ministry and our sick and homebound members.

Additional Announcements: www.newbeginningsbham.org/calendar
To Receive the E-Newsletter Text "NBUMC" to 2282
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



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OUR VISION STATEMENT

**"Transforming lives through mission, ministry and worship
as a prophetic witness for Jesus Christ in the world."**

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The Reverend Dr. Dedric A. Cowser
Senior Pastor

2nd Sunday of Advent | Sunday, December 9, 2018 | 10:30 a.m.