

This week's opportunities:

Sunday, November 27

9:30a *9:30 Alive!**
11:00a Traditions*
5:00p Crafts
5:30p Youth Group
7:00p Hanging of the Greens

Thursday, December 1

8:00am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Traditional Choir
Rehearsal

Monday, November 28

6:00p Scout Troop 288

Tuesday, November 29

10:00a Intercessory Prayer (Room 209)
6:00p Scout Troop 291
6:30p Praise Choir
7:30p Praise Band

Wednesday, November 30

6:00p C.I.A. (Children In Action)
6:00p Y.C.A.M. (Youth Creative
Arts Ministry)

**Please silence cell phones and
other electronic devices during
our worship.**

*Indicates childcare provided
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Celebration of Worship

Traditions

November 27, 2011

11:00am

PRELUDE

Danny Booth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Traditional Choir

“When He Comes”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sadie Snyder

FULFILLING OUR FAITH

Ralph Snyder

LIGHTING OF THE

ADVENT WREATH

Jeff & Jill

Abby, Sophie and Spencer Bennett

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

198

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

887

“Affirmation from Romans”

***GLORIA PATRI**

71

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

34

SILENT PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

895

***HYMN**

184

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

THE CHILDREN’S TIME

Jill Bennett

OFFERTORY

Traditional Choir

“How Sweet the Sound of Christmas”

***DOXOLOGY**

95

MESSAGE

Rev. Jeff Bennett

“Restore Us, O God: Hope”

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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***SENDING FORTH HYMN**

196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Danny Booth

(*) The people standing *(those who are able)*

Welcome to Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us.

It is our desire that you will feel the warmth of God’s

Spirit, and will return soon.