

THE LORD'S DAY ~ December 25, 2016

Christmas Day

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship *Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

*Down he came from up,
and in from out,
and here from there.
A long leap,
an incandescent fall
from magnificent
to naked, frail, small,
through space,
between stars,
into our chill night air,
shrunk, in infant grace,
to our damp, cramped
earthy place
among all
the shivering sheep.*

*And now, after all,
there he lies,
fast asleep.*

~ Luci Shaw

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

Two thousand years ago, the eternal God entered the womb of a virgin, where his human body grew for nine months. His mother gave birth to the Son of God, who took the flesh and blood of man. Big events demand a response, and we respond to the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus, in many ways.

The church does all kinds of things: we worship, read the Bible, make music, and more. But some of our Christmas activities are customary, not Biblical. Human customs must always be tested, so let's consider our Christmas customs ~ of decorations, mercy, music, meditation, and gifts ~ and the Biblical truths they express.

Prelude Special Music "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Ethan Delmar
"O Holy Night" Caroline Delmar

***Prelude** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (T208)

***A Christmas Prayer** "The Gift of Gifts" The Valley of Vision

Heavenly Father, source of all good,
What shall I render to You for the Gift of gifts,
Your own dear Son, begotten, not created,
my Redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,
His self-emptying incomprehensible,
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders;
He came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like him.

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

Herein is love;
When I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of grace,
to raise me to Himself.

Herein is power;
When Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity,
the uncreated and the created.

Herein is wisdom;
When I was undone, with no will to return to Him,
and no intellect to devise recovery,
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,
as man to die my death,
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.

O God and Father,
take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind;
let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;
Place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,
to look with them upon my Redeemer's face,
and in him account myself delivered from sin;
Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart,
embrace him with undying faith,
exulting that he is mine and I am his.
In him You have given me so much that heaven can give no more. Amen.

***Call to Worship** II Corinthians 8:9

***Hymn of Praise** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" (T207)

Custom #1: Decorations John 1:1-14

* "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" (C270)

Custom #2: Mercy Luke 2:1-7

"Away in a Manger" (C261)

Custom #3: Music Luke 2:8-14

* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (C277)

Custom #4: Meditation Luke 2:15-20

"What Child Is This?" (C281)

***Confession of Faith** "The Word Made Flesh"
The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

Children's Devotional

Pastoral Prayer

Custom #5: Gifts Matthew 2:1-12

Offertory Hymn "We Three Kings" (C288)

Prayer of Illumination Matthew 1:20-23

Sermon Haggai 2:9; John 1:14

"The Glory of Christmas"

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***Hymn Medley of Response** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (T200)

"God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen" (T211)

*Charge and Benediction

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***Hymn of Benediction** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (C258, v.3)

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, December 25 - 31, 2016

Today •Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Next Sunday •**New Year's Day** ~ No Sunday School. Enjoy your family!
•Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Announcements

- ◆ **Nursery Next Week:** Sunday School ~ No Sunday School on New Year's Day
Morning Worship ~ Elizabeth Sato, Belynda Walker
- ◆ **WIC Bible Study:** Will not meet again until January 3, 2017
- ◆ **Budget Summary:**

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$	5,262.84
Tithes/Offerings, December 18, 2016	\$	15,920.05
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$	109,013.76
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$	111,902.91
Mortgage Balance	\$	204,915.97

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Haggai 2:9; John 1:14

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Prayer List, Sunday, December 25, 2016

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PASTOR AND STAFF

Rev. Cory D. Colravy, Pastor
Mrs. Glenda L. Delmar, CCS Principal
Mrs. Martha A. Middleton, Executive Administrator
Ms. Roseanne S. Culpepper, CCS Office Manager
Mr. Bryan M. Walker, CCS Bookkeeper
Mr. Jonah Cleveland, Youth Director
Mr. Jeff Delmar, Music Leader

PRAY FOR UNSPOKEN REQUESTS

PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday Peter Bakelaar% MTW, Japan
Monday Johanna Richards*
Tuesday Tate Stroh*
Wednesday David & Karen Story% RUF, FSU, Tallahassee, FL
Thursday Greg Clark*
Friday Bruce & Pam Sinclair% Westminster Bible College, Kampala, Uganda
Saturday Joe O'Lear*
(*Happy Birthday, #Happy Anniversary, %Missionary)

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AT HOME AND ABROAD

Currently Deployed Overseas: Randy Miller (Joyce Post's grandson)

Currently Serving at Home: Shawn Rost (Warren & Judy Kline's son-in-law), Ben Hollo, Ian Harris, Seth Armstrong, Ezra Swanson

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Cancer: Phil Khalife (Sonja Seidler's brother), Lee Broughton (friend of Martha Middleton, breast cancer), Charlene Elliott (CCS parent, blood cancer), Ryan Colravy (Pastor Colravy's nephew, chemotherapy & radiation), Charlotte Bass (4 year old friend of Mara Frazier, Aplastic Anemia), Larry Treston (Wendy Russell's father), Wayne Bingham, Dorothy Buckner (Janice Chilton's mother)

Illness: Brian Schreiber (Fred & Carrie Hayes Schreiber's son, blood disease), Fran Coyne (friend of the Steele's, aortic valve stenosis), Johnny Langham (Jack & Jan Langham's son), Naomi (brain tumor surgery, step-daughter of James Thompson's friend Jeremy Williams), Charlie Saunders (O'Lear family member), Linda Hopkins' family member (amyloidosis), David Hill (heart blockage), Cheryl Gaudiano, Roger Leete (CIDP), Gloria Hawkins (Glenda Delmar's mother, stroke), Derrick Jensen (family friend of Raquel Clark, ALS), Rich Simpson (hip replacement), Michael Kline (mini-strokes), Hope Park (Anna Denny's friend, needing heart transplant), Warren Kline, Joyce Post (back surgery)

Special Need: Virginia Palmer, David & Toni Hill (Rusty & Chris Hill's parents), Tom Bingham family, Richard Post family, Dawn Welch family, Dell Simpson, Terrie Cleveland family, Esme Bahati

Expectant Mothers: Kristie Delmar

**Names in italics are new to the list this week.*

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*Merry
Christmas!*

AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY,
THAT GOD GAVE US ETERNAL LIFE,
AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON.

~ I JOHN 5:11



