

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

10:15 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder John Holmes

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come, Emmanuel"

arr. Schram

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1: 68-75

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Leader He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of His servant David,

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Leader Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

PEOPLE THE OATH THAT HE SWORE TO OUR ANCESTOR ABRAHAM.

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PEOPLE THAT WE MIGHT SERVE HIM WITHOUT FEAR, IN HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, BEFORE HIM ALL OF OUR DAYS.

*PRAISE

"Child in Bethlehem"

Watson

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Through Isaiah and John you sent your word into the wilderness, crying out to repent, seek forgiveness and prepare the way of the Lord. Now prepare the way in us and in your world for the coming of your living Word, so that all flesh may know your saving grace; through Christ who is coming to reign.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

PRAISE

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE WORD



GSPC Children and Youth Present
Deck the Halls and Trim the Tree



PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

arr. McKibben

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 592

SENDING

*PRAISE

"Born in Bethlehem"

Powell

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

No. 22(v.1)

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

* THE PEACE

Leader: May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

*POSTLUDE

"Joyous Recessional"

Norian

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*HYMN "Prepare the Way" No. 13

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RECEIVE THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 3: 1-4

SECOND READING Luke 3: 1-9

SERMON *Prepare!* Rev. Mark Gaskill

THE SACRAMENT

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Intinction*)

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers will ask you to come forward in groups to form a semi-circle around the Communion Table. After taking a piece of bread, dip it in either the wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice) and eat.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

"Leave in peace to serve our Lord and one another."

*Please stand if able.

All children are welcome here, but we know that a fussy baby is much louder to a parent's ears than to any of ours. If you have need:

- We have a nursery down the main stairs and to the left. It is staffed with volunteers, who will gladly care for any little ones who show up at the beginning of the service. If there are none, the volunteers will come up to the sanctuary, the nursery room will remain available. There is also a diaper change station in the Nursery and in both downstairs restrooms.
- We have a speaker in the narthex so that you DIY soothers can listen while you walk the little ones around.

Worship Service Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT LUNCHEONS

Plan to join us during the Season of Advent on **Sundays through December 23**, for a soup and salad luncheon after the 10:15 service. There are sign-up sheets for the luncheons in the narthex. If you can bring a soup, salad, or bread to share, it would be greatly appreciated. If not, come anyway.

FRIENDS WHO LUNCH

The *Friends Who Lunch* will meet this **Tuesday, December 11th** for a holiday luncheon at Carrabba's in Waldorf. We will meet there at 12:00 noon. After lunch everyone is invited to the Creveling's home for a Christmas cookie exchange, if you are not able to bring some cookies – come anyway to continue the fellowship and enjoy the sweet treats.

PLEDGE CARDS

Thanks to all who have returned their 2019 Pledge Cards for the Operating Account. Pledging is important so the plans may be made for the upcoming year. If you have not submitted a card, please prayerfully consider your giving and return your card in the collection plate or give it to Anne Creveling, the treasurer.

POINSETTIEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

You will again have the opportunity to provide poinsettias for the last two Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve. Plants will cost **\$11 per pot**, and are available in red, white, pink and marble. Order envelopes are in your bulletin and today is the last day to order. Plants may be taken after the Christmas Eve services. When ordering, be sure to indicate for whom you are providing the plant(s), whether in memory or thanksgiving and a phone number to reach you if needed. Contact Georgia Henry with questions – 301-843-6076 or gghenry4@aol.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex for Dec. 23rd, Christmas Eve, and Dec. 30 (10:15 service). Please sign-up if you are available to help with any of these services.

- **There will be only one service at 10:15 a.m. on Dec. 30.**
- The Coffee Hour on December 30 will be a Cookie Exchange. Please bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share with others. Coffee and juice will be provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. This will be a traditional candlelight service.

Announcements continued on next page.

THREE KINGS DAY PARTY? WHAT IS THIS?

With the crazy busy November we've had; bazaar and two weeks of Safe Nights and the business of December; pageant, cantata, company parties, visiting family, whew! Let us kick-off the start to the new year with following the star in celebration the life given to us from the One who created for us, the King of all Kings. If you are willing to host the The Three Kings Day Party at your residence on Saturday 5 January, please contact Loann Burian. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. This is an adults only party and a gift exchange will be part of the evenings activities.

“Child of Bethlehem”

Still, quiet night in Bethlehem;
Earth sleeps and few take thought of Him.
But the heav'ns rejoice and the angels sing!
The Child of Bethlehem is the King of kings!

Still, wise men worship at His feet,
and lost souls awaken from their sleep.
And the heav'ns rejoice! And the angels sing!
The Child of Bethlehem is the King of kings!

Down from heaven's glory to a manger bed;
Crucified, glorified:
He was born to be our Savior!

Come, children over all the earth.
Come and celebrate the Savior's birth!
Every knee shall bow and every nation sing!
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“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old.
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Hear the angels sing. Hear the angels sing.
Hear the angels sing. Hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow.
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
And rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

Hear the angels sing. Hear the angels sing.
Hear the angels sing. Hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old.
When with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth, its ancient splendors fling.
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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“Born in Bethlehem”

Baby Jesus, born in a stable, a humble Savior's birth.
You left Your throne in Heaven above to live here on the earth.
Baby Jesus, lying in a manger, crying for the world.
The angels told the shepherds of the good news for us all.

**Hallelujah! The King is here, given for all men.
For today the holy Son of God is born in Bethlehem.**

Come, now, sinners and you saints, all peasants and all kings,
And bow before the earth's Redeemer, let all voices sing.

CHORUS TWICE

Baby Jesus, do You know You'll die for all our sins?
Don't be afraid, for in three days...
You will rise again. You will rise again.

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We have snacks and coffee downstairs.

We have a platform lift for anyone who doesn't do well with stairs, see an usher for assistance.

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we are entering sacred space and sacred time.*

Please turn off cell phones and refrain from using other electronic media.

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Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Pageant at 10:15 a.m.
Advent Luncheon after worship
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Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 10:15 Service



*Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.
Merry Christmas to everyone!!*

The Children & Youth Of Good Samaritan Present



Please join the children downstairs for the Advent Luncheon, immediately following the service.

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Grover Baldwin (2019)
Holly Banks (2021)
Margaret Beigel (2019)
Jill Buntz (2019)
Loann Burian (2020)
Jack Crews (2019)

John Holmes (2020)
Megan Howell (2020)
Stephen Lehrter (2020)
Beverly Tallmadge (2021)
Jack Tuttle (2021)
Sandy Webb (2021)

FIRST READING

MALACHI 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

SECOND READING

LUKE 3: 1-9

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."