

Service Of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Striking of the Hour

*Processional

*Call to Worship

Pastor: O Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. His merciful kindness is great toward us.

People: Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Him, Praise Him

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Children's Story Time

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

Symbolism Of The Advent Wreath:

The wreath is round, with no beginning or end, testifying to the eternity of God's creation, of His love and care for mankind. The wreath is of evergreen, recalling that our faith, our hope, and our love are always alive when they spring from God and His Son. The candles represent the one who said, "I am the light of the world." There are four candles, each representing a Sunday in Advent, and a fifth candle, which is the Christmas candle.

The Lighting of The First Advent Candle

MINISTER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

CONGREGATION: Why do we light one candle?

MINISTER: This first candle reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had in their expectation of a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.

UNISON: Isaiah the Prophet wrote: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined."

*Hymn of Preparation

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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***UNISON PRAYER: Dear God, Our world is in darkness. We need the light of peace and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and our homes to receive the One who said, "I am the light of the world." We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Choral Response

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory

Doxology

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

Anthem

Choir

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-30

Sermon

"Whom Am I?"

Rev. Owen

WORSHIP THROUGH DEDICATION

*Hymn of Invitation

I Love To Tell The Story

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*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Extinguishing of the Candles of Worship

*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

*All who are able please stand

Welcome! We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade leave following the Offertory.

The flowers are placed on the altar to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Morrison by the Schaefer Family

Sunday: 10:00 **Sunday School.**
10:55 **Worship Service.**
1:00 **Hispanic Service**
3:30-5:00 **Youth Group**
6:00 **Choir Rehearsal**

Monday: 7:00 **Cub Scouts.**

Wednesday: 7:00 **Drama Team practice**
7:30 **Boy Scouts** meet.

Saturday: **Train ride with Santa**

Ministry Assistants

Acolytes: Adam Thompson

Next Sunday: Katie Kelly, Thomas McNeill

Children Worship: Mitzy Douglas

Next Sunday: Camellia Hempe

Deacon on call: Gary Bullock

"Strive for Five" (more)



If you would like to sponsor a **poinsettia** in honor or memory of someone for Christmas, please contact LaVerne Maddox or Camellia Hempe by December 5. The cost is \$10.00.

It is time to start practicing for our **New Year's Eve dramas**. If you are interested in helping with the dramas, practices will be Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 (dress rehearsal) at 7:00 p.m.

The **Well Wishers** are planning to go out for dinner on Tuesday, December 14, and go the Meadows to see the Christmas lights afterwards. We will leave from the church at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come along. Call Beryl Campbell to reserve your seat on the bus.

The Deacons will be sponsoring the **Christmas Card Exchange** this year. The box will be in the Narthex next Sunday (Dec. 5) and you may leave your Christmas Cards for those who attend services here. If you would like to contribute what you save in postage, the money will be used by the Deacon Fund to assist those in need. Please be sure to check your slot each week for cards.

We are planning to go choiring to the Eames Drive and Winslow Drive Housing Complexes on Monday evening, December 20. We plan to present the residents of each apartment with a pound cake and Christian literature and small gifts. If you would be willing to donate \$2.00 to buy a pound cake (or bake one) please contact Mary Griffin, or Stephen Owen.

Planning Ahead: The Choir will present a **cantata** during the Worship Service on December 19, and we will have our **Children's Christmas program** on December 19 at 6:00 p.m. Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service** will begin at 11:00 p.m. Our **New Year's Eve Gospel Singing Celebration** will be from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who donated a **shoebox for Operation Christmas Child**. We were able to collect 65 shoeboxes. Don't forget that you are invited to join us on December 10th as we go to the Processing Center in Charlotte to help get the shoeboxes ready to send overseas.

All middle and high school youth are invited to the **2011 Winter Retreat**. The dates are January 21-23. The cost is \$125 and a \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by December 19th to reserve a spot. This cost will include two breakfasts, lunch on Saturday, a t-shirt, retreat material and supplies, two nights lodging, and water park admission for the weekend. See Stephen for more questions or to turn in your deposit.

Memorial donations has been made to the Building Fund and the General Fund by the Circle of Hope in memory of all members of Shallow Well Church that have passed away this year.

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“No matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here”