

Service Of Worship

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2010

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

- Organ Prelude
- Announcements and Welcoming of Visitors
- *Striking of the Hour
- *Call to Worship

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* #94

Children's Story Time

Lighting Of The Third Advent Candle

PASTOR: 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 three candles?

PASTOR: The first candle reminds us of the hope of the prophets. The second candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable and the love that was shown. The third candle reminds us of the joy that surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth.

UNISON: And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them . . . and the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

*Hymn of Preparation *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear* #93

UNISON PRAYER: Dear God, we thank you for your gift of Jesus to the world. As the shepherds found Jesus in a manger, may we find Jesus in the love and joy that we share together. Help us to do our share to bring happiness, goodness, and peace to the world in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Choral Response

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Offertory *Doxology* # 253

Anthem Choir

Scripture John 1:1-12

Sermon *The Danger of Shutting Jesus Out* Rev. Thompson

*Hymn of Dedication *Away In Manger* #103

*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. Please fill out a Guest card included in the packet the ushers will provide. 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 Mr. & Mrs. Lawton Maddox, Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Maddox, and Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Rosser by their family.

Sunday: 10:00 **Sunday School.**
10:55 **Worship Service.**
1:00 **Hispanic Service**
2:00-3:30 **Youth Group**
5:30 **Choir Practice**

Monday: 11:00 **Day Circle** – Covered dish in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 **Circle of Hope** will have a covered dish at Phyllis Watson's home.
7:00 **Cub Scouts.**

Tuesday: 4:00 **Well Wishers Trip to Meadows**

Wednesday: 7:00 **Choir Practice**
7:00 **Drama Team**

Thursday: 6:00 **Weight Watchers**

Saturday: 8:00-10:00 **Applebee's Fundraiser**

Next Sunday: 11:00 **Choir Christmas Cantata**

6:00 **Youth Christmas Program** – Please remember to bring refreshments for Santa's visit in the Fellowship Building.

There will be a meeting of the **Nominating Committee** in the Parlor after the Worship Service to elect a new Chairman.

We are planning to go caroling 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, 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.

Our annual **New Year's Eve Singing Celebration** will begin at 7:00 p.m. this year and conclude at 10:00 p.m. Groups scheduled this year include Lisa Godwin, Spirit of Grace, The Walters, Family (new to our New Year's Eve singing, this group feature parents and their children – you will enjoy them), Stephanie McRae and Tracy Lee, and the Living Water Quartet. There will also be skits/dramas and more. Plan now to attend.

Ministry Assistants

Acolytes: Luke Thomas, Abby Thomas
Next Sunday: Kacie Harrison, Kolby Harrison
Deacon on call: Dale Williamson
Children's Worship: Pam Gunter
Next Sunday: Cantata

"Strive for Five" (more)



We will host our annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service** at 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us.

The **Christmas Card Exchange** box is in the Narthex. If you have Christmas cards for those who attend church here, you may leave them in the boxes for them to pick up. Donations go to the Deacon Fund to help those in need. Please check for your cards before you leave today.

Youth Celebration News

Sunday, December 19th –We will have our annual Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m. Please have children dropped off by 5:30 p.m. After our performance we will go to the fellowship hall for finger foods and pictures with Santa.

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.

Remember our **C.U.O.C. grocery cart ministry**, please. Our food item for December is a meal-boxed or canned. Examples: ravioli, spaghetti, beef stew, macaroni and cheese, etc.

A **Memorial donation** has been made to the Building Fund in memory of **Buddy Schaffer** by Jack and Shelia Fallin.

Love is the foundation of all giving. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. . ." (John 3:16).



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