

Service Of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Announcements and Welcoming of Visitors

*Striking of the Hour

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#88

Children's Story Time

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle and the Christmas Candle

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

CONGREGATION: Why do we light Five candles?

MINISTER: 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. The third candle reminds us of the great light and joy which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth. The Fourth candle reminds us of the light of the stars in the sky which guided the Wise men to Jesus and which keeps watch over us by night. Today we also light the white Christmas candle in remembrance of Christ's birth.

UNISON: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Now we light the Christmas candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

***UNISON PRAYER: Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of these candles remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

Morning Prayer and Choral Response

Hymn of Preparation

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory

Doxology

Christmas Cantata

A CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

by

Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman

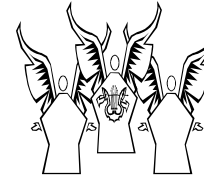
OPENING CAROLS AND BIDDING PRAYER

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Once in Royal David's City

FIRST LESSON AND CAROLS

The Holly and the Ivy



Soprano

Mary Griffin

Carolyn MacDonald

Barbara Norris

Barbara Poole

Judy Watson

Tenor

Neil MacDonald

Joy Murphy

Ralph Yarborough

Fairest Lord Jesus

Sans Day Carol

SECOND LESSON AND CAROLS

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels from the Realms of Glory

THIRD LESSON AND CAROLS

For Unto Us a Son Is Born

See, Amid the Winter's Snow

FOURTH LESSON AND CAROLS

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

FIFTH LESSON AND CAROLS

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Good People All, This Christmastime

What Child Is This?

O Little Town of Bethlehem

SIXTH LESSON AND CAROLS

I Saw Three Ships

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Good Christians All, Rejoice!

SEVENTH LESSON AND CAROLS

Sheep May Safely Graze

Sing We Now of Christmas

The First Noel

EIGHTH LESSON AND CAROL

What Star Is This with Beams So Bright

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Silent Night, Holy Night

Joy to the World

Chancel Choir

Alto

Rachel McKenzie

Jackie Thomas

Dot Warner

Betty Williams

Bass

Brenda Gaster

Glenn Poole

Pete Strum

Piano

John Godfrey

Organ

Patricia Thomas

Violin

Karen Huey

Director

Earl Murphy

Readers

Rev. Donald Thompson

John Haas



*All that are able please stand

The **arrangement** is placed on the altar to the glory of God and in celebration of this beautiful Christmas season. It also honors the faithful Musicians and the Choir of this church by Joy and Earl Murphy.

Sunday: 10:00 **Sunday School**.
10:55 **Worship Service** and Cantata
6:00 **Children Program**

Monday: 6:00 p.m. **Outreach** to the Winslow and Eames Drive Housing Complex. Please come and help with the caroling that night. We still need money to cover the cost of the pound cakes.

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. **Drama Team practice**

Thursday: 6:00 **Weight Watchers**

Friday: 11:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion** in the Sanctuary.

Next Sun.: 10:00 **Sunday School**.
10:55 **Worship Service**

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. We need donations of **simple** finger foods for the New Year's Eve singing celebration. Please have food items in McFarland Hall by 6:00 New Year's Eve.

Be sure to check the **Christmas Card Exchange** box located in the Narthex before you leave today to get any cards addressed to you.

Memorial donations have been made to the **General Fund** in memory of **Kathleen & Buddy Schaefer** by Sandra & Kenneth Cotton, & Hazel Wicker; in memory of **Kathleen Schaefer** by The Day Circle, & Barbara & Glenn Poole; to the **Building Fund** in memory of **Kathleen Schaefer** by Pete & Mary Lois Strum, Dale & Carolyn Williamson, & Faithful Followers SS Class; in honor of **Alan Cox, Camellia Hempe, & Stephen Owen** by the Faithful Followers SS Class; to the **Building Fund and General Fund** in memory of **Garland Bennett, Dot & Shorty Cox, Carl Cox, Jr., Ada Reynolds, Alma W. Thomas; Bud Warner, Raeford Rosser, & Jack Campbell**; in honor of **Alan & Vivian Cox & Family, Bobby & Debbie Scott & Family, and Ms. Peggy Bennett** by Randy & Sophia Cox.

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

Ministry Assistants
Acolytes: Kacie Harrison, Kolby Harrison
Next Sunday: Morgan Pedley, Cameron Rowland
Deacon on call: Wayne Watson
Children's Worship: Cantata
Next Sunday: Lora Currin

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"Strive for Five" (more)



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