

The Worship of God

December 13, 2015

The Third Sunday of Advent



THE GATHERING

As we gather to worship in these uncertain times, may God grant us the faith to greet the dawn and labor on in faith as we await His purpose. The prophet Isaiah exhorts us to climb to the top of a high mountain and proclaim the good news!

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* Dietrich Buxtehude

CHORAL INTROIT *In the Bleak Midwinter/Away In a Manger* Freeman

CALL TO WORSHIP Zoey Mize

Leader: The world is dark and cold.

People: We look for light and warmth.

Leader: The world is full of anger and hurt.

People: We look for forgiveness and healing.

Leader: The world is dangerous and violent.

People: We look for righteousness and peace.

Leader: Look no longer! Good Christian friends, rejoice!

People: For Jesus Christ was born to save!

HYMN NO. 157 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

THE JOYFUL SINGERS *Away in a Manger*
This Little Light of Mine

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

FAITH/HEALTH EMPHASIS Dr. Beverly Fulbright

THE CHANCEL CHORISTERS *Sing We Now of Christmas*
Go Tell It on the Mountain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Harold Bowen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Advent Candles

CRADLE SONG

*A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of Hope in December's dark night.
While Angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of Joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow,
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40: 1-11

YOUTH CHOIR *How Far Is It To Bethlehem?* Ijames

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN NO. 170 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3: 1-6

ANTHEM *Every Valley* Drenan

SERMON *Get Up On That Mountain!* Dr. Ray Howell III

HYMN NO. 171 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

OFFERTORY PRAYER Carl Garrison

OFFERTORY *Silent Night, Holy Night* arr. Albin Whitworth

DOXOLOGY NO. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Jesus Is My Shepherd* Schram

POSTLUDE *Noel* Arr. Gordon Young

Today's Lay Reader is Don Watson

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charlie Pyle on his birthday by Catherine, Caroline, Charlotte and Cate.

Christian sympathy is extended to Chuck Frye and family upon the death of his Mother, Phyllis K. Frye of Winston-Salem on December 8 and to the family of Jan White upon her death on December 9.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organist/Pianist

Joyful Singers

Directors

Eryn Myers - Margaret Ann Maddox

Phil Ryalls - Alan Hall

Chancel Choristers

Director - Courtney Foster

Sanctuary Choir

Director - Paul Freeman

Peggy Barnhardt - Pianist

Youth Choir

Directors

Paul Freeman - Debra Freeman

Brian Walker - Wendy Walker

Senior Adult Choir

Director - Paul Freeman

Sanctuary Ringers

Director - Paul Freeman

Alan Williams - Alto Saxophone

Food Boxes

Our Sunday School mission project - food boxes for needy families is underway. All checks should be made to FBC. The deadline is today. Packing will be this Wednesday, December 16 at noon, with delivery to follow.

Global Missions Offering

It is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. Mark your Mission envelope or your check for CBF Global Mission Offering.

Sunday, December 20 - Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday, December 24 - 5:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service and Communion

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, 12/13

9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry

9:30 a.m. Morning Coffee Gathering

5:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

Conference Room

2nd Floor Lobby

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, 12/16

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Music Suite

Extended Sessions:

December 13: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** M/M Kyle

Kepley 3 & 4 Year Olds: Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

December 20: Nine Lessons and Carols - Paid Nursery

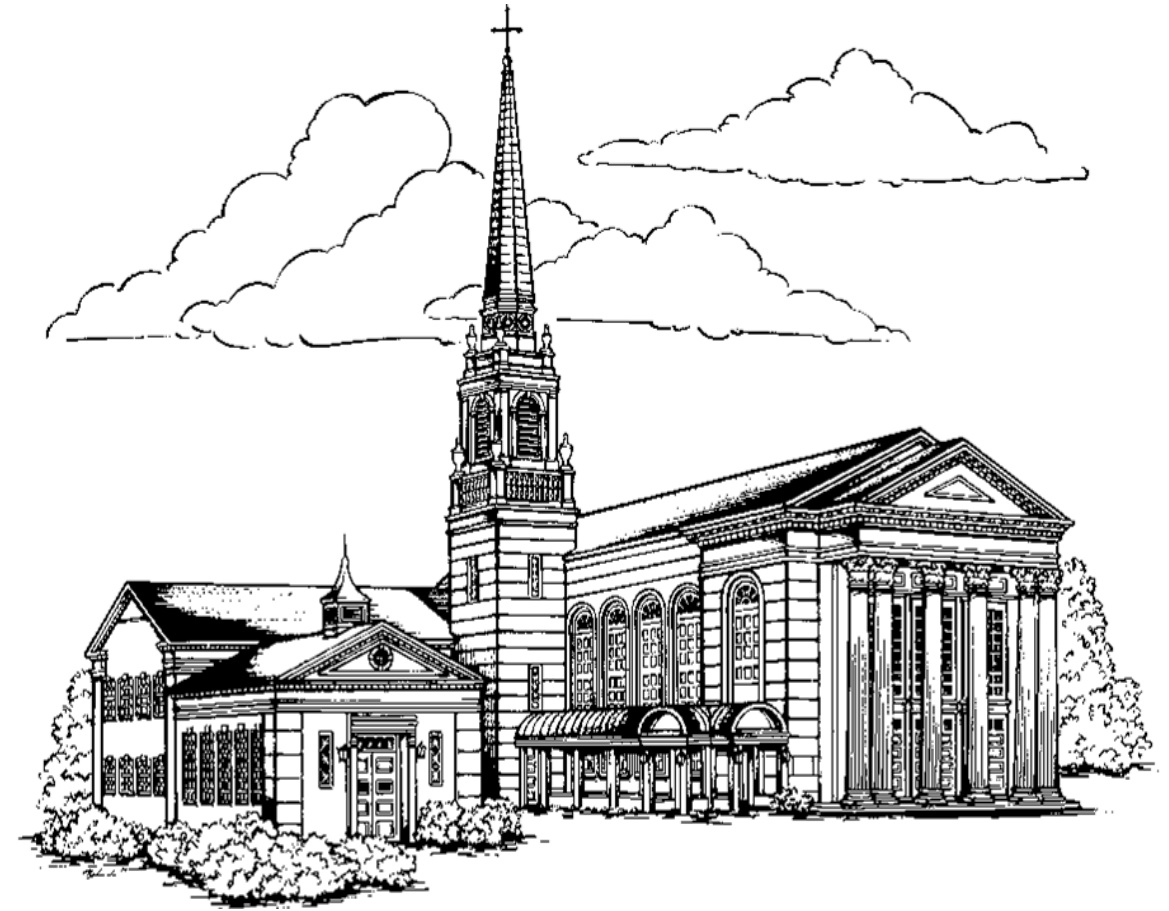
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