

The Worship of God

December 11, 2016

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

“Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.”

Early Announcements and Preparing for Worship

Prelude “Gabriel’s Message Paul Manz
Choral Introit “Come to Bethlehem” Freeman
Opening of the Bible Sydney Hall

Call to Worship Sarah Hall

Leader: Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We greet one another as we wait together.

People: As Mary and Joseph waited together.

Leader: We wait with our own struggles and doubts and wonder.

People: Waiting for the light. Waiting for hope. Waiting to remember.

Leader: To remember Emmanuel!

People: God is with us!

ALL: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hymn No. 152 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

The Children’s Time

The Joyful Singers and Chancel Choristers

“Born in Bethlehem” Linda Walker
“Silent Night” Joseph Mohr
“He is Born, the Divine Christ Child” French Carol
“Mary’s Boy Child” Jester Hairston
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” German Melody

Christian Greetings Alyson Honeycutt

A Special Recognition

Hymn No. 174 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 7:14-17
Youth Choir “Gloria, Sing Gloria” LLOYD LARSON
Gospel Lesson Matthew 1: 18-25
Morning Prayer
Anthem “The Little Drummer Boy” arr. Joel Raney
Sermon “The Inconvenient Incarnation” Dr. Ray Howell III
Hymn No. 146 “Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come” ANTIOCH
Offertory Prayer Kim Lingerfelt
The Offertory “O Come, Divine Messiah” arr. Robert Powell
Doxology (sung to the tune VENI EMMANUEL)

All praise to God the Holy one;
Praise Christ in whom God’s grace is fully known;
Praise to the Spirit evermore;
Praise Holy Trinity whom we adore!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Praise God the Lord above;
Who sets us free through mercy and love!

Welcoming a New Member

Choral Benediction “May the Peace of Christ Go with You from this Place” Freeman

Postlude “The Journey to Bethlehem” Cesar Franck

Today’s Lay Reader is Sheila Killebrew

Choirs and Director for Today’s Service

Joyful Singers directed by Eryn Myers, Margaret Ann Maddox, Betty Jane Honeycutt and Alan Hall.

Chancel Choristers directed by Courtney Foster

Youth Choir directed by Paul and Debra Freeman, Brian and Wendy Walker and Anna Raye Tate.

Senior Adult and Sanctuary Choir directed by Paul Freeman
Accompanists are Beverly Khemlani and Peggy Barnhardt

Christian Sympathy

Heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Jim Snyder and his family on the death of his stepfather, Michael K. Berkut of Chapel Hill on December 1, and also to Parker McLendon and his family on the death of his sister, Madge Jones of Deland, Florida on December 1.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

Given in memory of Betty G. Bunce by Bill, Beth, Taylor and Grayson Bunce.

Given in memory of Harry and Sarah Hartley and Earl and Mary Jennings by William and Melinda Hartley

Given in memory of Ronald and Myra Walton by Jimmy and Tracey Livengood.

Given in memory of Taylor Matthews by Jimmy & Tracey Livengood.

Given in honor of Taylor Hartley Pope and Dellon Pope's Wedding by William and Melinda Hartley.

Given in honor of Louise Tate by Jim Tate's family and Sheri Tate Taylor's family.

Given in honor of Kay Kepley by Ben and Patrice Graham, Ashlyn, Benjamin and Olivia Thompson.

Youth Activities

Snack supper is at 6:00 tonight followed by youth activities

Wednesday Night Activities

Sanctuary Choir practice at 7:00 p.m

Saturday December 17

Sanctuary Choir practice at 9:45 a.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

Next Sunday is the Forty-third Annual Nine Lessons and Carols

January Meals at Grace

Volunteers are needed for the five Sundays in January to feed the homeless at Grace Episcopal. Contact Jim Tate for more information.

Extended Sessions:

December 11: Bed Babies: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jolly **Toddlers & 2 Year Olds:** Mr. & Mrs.

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

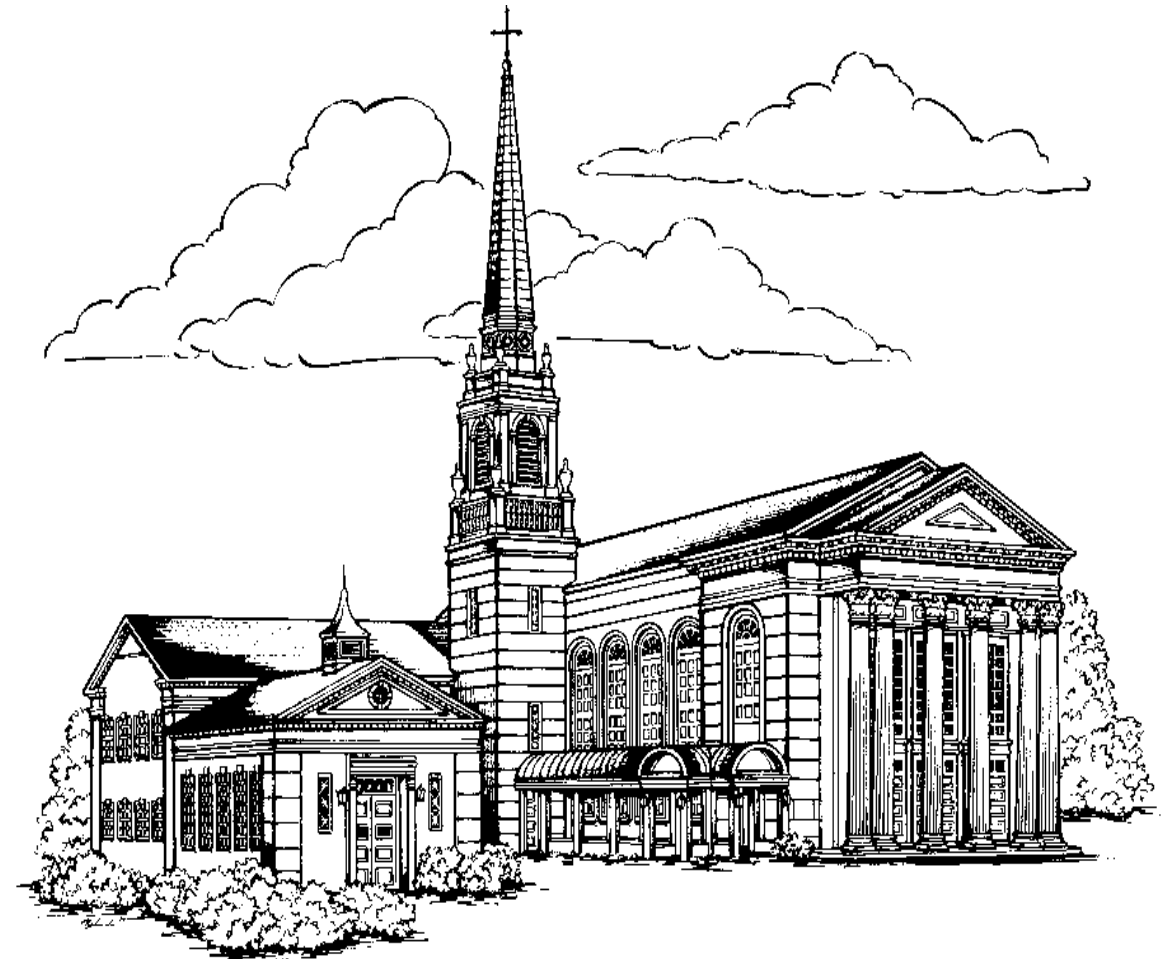
December 18: Nursery will be provided

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