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Carol No. 152 "Angels We Have Heard on High" **December 23, 2018** The Fourth Sunday of Advent **Morning Prayer** The Gathering Carol No. 181 "As with Gladness Men of Old" On Christmas Eve 1818, the carol "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht" was heard for the **Offertory Prayer** first time in a village church in Oberndorf, Austria. Today we celebrate the 200th Anniversary of "The Carol that United the World." The Offertory "O Come. Divine Messiah" **Pre-Service Music** Alex Upton The Gloria Patri **Prelude** "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" Albin Whitworth **Anthem** "We Believe" **The Story of Silent Night Choral Introit** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" arr. Freeman Cate Pyle Opening of the Bible Carol No. 164 "Silent Night! Holy Night!" **Call to Worship** Zoey Mize Silent night, holy night! Leader: Listen for God, for God is here. God's great love giving life. People: Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let the world together rejoice, Leader: Look for Christ, for Christ is here. Sing forever with one voice, People: Let earth receive her King! Heaven's hope is here, Leader: Wait for the Spirit, for the Spirit is here. Heaven's hope is here. People: Let every heart prepare him room, **Choral Benediction** "Silent Night" And Heaven and nature sing! ALL: Carol No. 146 "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come" Postlude "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night" **ANTIOCH**

The Children's Time

Christian Greetings

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 7: 14 and Matthew 1: 18-25

Lighting the Advent WreathMargaret Ann, Simon, Cameron, Meghan, and Landon Maddox;

Today's Lay Reader is Jon Myers

David, Ashley, Carson, Jackson and Spencer Honeycutt; and Amy Walking

GLORIA

Tobin Shepherd

Robert Powell

GREATOREX

Dan Forrest

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Nicholas Lebeque

Dr. Ray N. Howell III

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Musician's For Today's Service

Paul Freeman, Director

The Sanctuary Choir Beverly Khemlani, Organ Jon Myers, Trumpet

Bill Harbinson, Trumpet Keith Grush, Horn Danny Burkhart, Timpani

James Daughtery, Tuba

Alan Williams, Guitar

Poinsettias are given in honor of Beverly Khemlani by Hazel Frady; David, Julie, Rachel and Lauren Huneycutt by Sandra Blackwelder; Carol Stutts-Wall by David and Julia Dunn.

Poinsettias are given in memory of Paul Miller by Dale and Kelly Lambeth; Birdie and Dick Dunn, Betsy Wall Medford, Carroll Wall and Shirley Anne Dunn by David and Julia Dunn; Jim and Carolyn Phillips by Greg and Sara Briggs.

> **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion** December 24—Music Begins at 5:15 p.m.

Next Sunday is an Informal Service of Worship

Sunday, January 6—Riverdale Narrative with Music by Brannon Gilliam and Lee Spears

Financial Faithfulness

Your financial gifts are needed to help our church meet the 2018 budget. \$72,000 is needed to fulfill all of our commitments for 2018. We will receive a special offering during the Christmas Eve service. Next Sunday, December 30, is our final Sunday of the year. Contributions need to be in the church office by December 31 or postmarked by that date. Please continue to be a faithful and cheerful giver!

Church Office

The Church Office will be open on Thursday and Friday (December 27-28) and also on Monday, December 31.

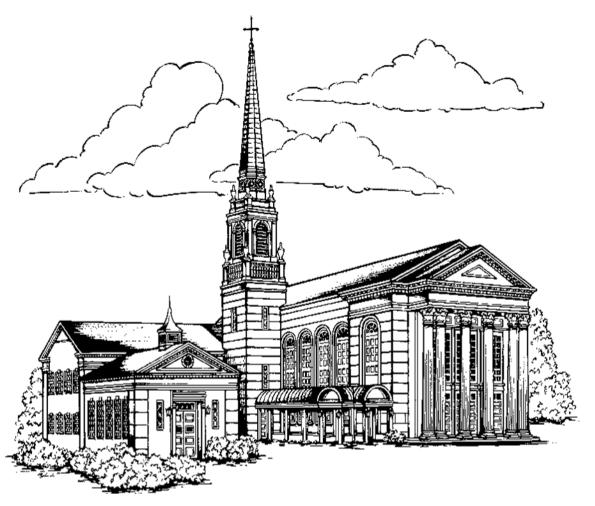
December 23rd **Bed Babies-** Jen Fuller-Allen and Brooke Williams: 2-4 Year Olds- M/M Kevin Brown

December 30th **Bed Babies-** Donna Sink, Ben Bishop, Ann Bishop; 2-4 Year Olds- M/M Josh Boyle



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