

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



DECEMBER 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Prelude

Selected Carols
Good Christian Men, Rejoice
Arr. Dale Wood

3:00 pm Coleman Family
5:00 pm Melinda Dressler

Welcome to Worshippers

3:00 pm Larry McCutcheon
5:00 pm Dr. Blake Dempsey

Lighting of the Christ Candle

"For unto us a child is given, unto us a Savior is born
and the order of the world will be upon his shoulders."
With the birth of Jesus, our lives will be forever changed.

We will be transformed by his model and message.
We light this candle to represent that Christ is truly the center of our lives.

Carol

Joy to the World!
Words and Music by Isaac Watts and G.F. Handel

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A Christmas Reading

3:00 pm **How to See Jesus**
Max Lucado

Keith McLeod

5:00 pm **That Night**
Author Unknown

Christmas Music

Some Children See Him
Arr. James Taylor and Dave Grusin

3:00 pm Keith McLeod

O Holy Night 5:00 pm Emily McLeod Kirby
Words and Music by Placide Cappeau and Adolphe Charles Adam

"The Birth of Jesus"

Luke 2:2-20

King James Version

2 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper (Communion)

(Gluten free bread is available on the tables tonight)

Carols Sung by Candlelight

*The First Nowell
Away in a Manger
What Child is This?
Silent Night*

Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude

*O Come, All Ye Faithful
Joy to the World*
Arr. Michael Cox

3:00 pm Samantha Carter
5:00 pm Melinda Dressler

*Tonight's Offering, received in the foyer,
will benefit the Alabama Baptist Children's Home.*

Christmas Memorials in honor of our special loved ones

From

Judy & Hobart Arnold

Deanna Barnette

Pat Bray

Kathy Brown

Bryant Strain & Family

Cheryl & Barry Brown & Family

Laura & Bart Brown & Family

Amber & Scott Cantrell & Family

The Christopher Family

Julia & Tim Davis

Joyce Delozier

Nancy & Mike English

Robin & Joe Hamm

The Haynes Family

Janie & George Jones

In Loving Memory of

Janet Da Domo

Dr. Jim Barnette

A.R. Bray, Jr.

Skip Brown

Ruth Strain

Elois Brown

Skip Brown

Kay Cantrell

*Lloyd Lee Christopher
Douglas Johnson*

Bradley G. Thompson

Fred & Stevie Delozier

Bethany Smitherman Pridmore

Bob Sartain & Lotuce Hamm

N. Wayne Stark

*Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Jones
Dr. & Mrs. Grady Cox*

Sullivan & Littlejohn Families

The Lyon Family

Lisa & Doug Markham

The Miskelley Family

Marjorie Kay Nix & Family

*Millie Osborn
Paige & Scott*

Donna Reddinger

Renita & Doug Rigney

Karen & Merritt Rogers

Ginny Scott

The Sharp Family

Gail & Richard Stevens

*Tracy & Randell Thrasher
Noelle & Matthue*

Loretta & Monty Littlejohn

Charles Foster & Henry Lyon

*Marilyn & Mark Markham
Naomie & John Paul Jones*

Ira Miskelley

*Frank Nix, Marian & Jim Norris,
Frances & Brunner Nix*

Gary Osborn

Jim Reddinger

Milton Stevens

*Virginia & George Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. Litton Cochran
Mr. Phil Cochran*

Mr. & Mrs. William M. Rodgers

*Marybeth & Carl Smith
Shelby & Hughes Sharp*

Todd Stevens

*Our Heavenly Angels:
Linda Norris & Idell & Hue Thrasher*

Diane & Bill Waud

*Our Parents: Evelyn & David Shelton
Ruth & Gilbert Waud*

Jan & John Williams

*Mr. & Mrs. J.Q. Williams
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Halbrook*

Susan & Greg Womack

*Nancy Womack
Mabel & Alton Long*

Honorariums

Turner, Thatcher, & Charlotte Beard

In honor of our beloved LolliPop, Sandra & Lyle Turner

Laura & Bart Brown and Family

In honor of Kathy Brown & Sheryl & Jim Isobe

Julia & Tim Davis

In honor of Mrs. Mae Thompson & Mr. & Mrs. Carl Davis

Majorie Kay Nix

*In honor of her grandchildren, Mallory & Jaxon Stewart; Marian, Marlee & Lee
Turnipseed; Mary Ella & Melissa Ann Saueressig; Frank & Reid Nix & great-
grandson Buck Stewart*

The Miskelley Family

In honor of Catherine & Bill Hannah

Frank Page

*In honor of Pastor & Mrs. Aragon & Jill & David Neely, Brookwood Missionaries in
Nicaragua*

Kay & Tom McKinnon

*In honor of our grandchildren, Kendall, Connor, & Stinson McKinnon; Kate, Anna,
Blair Ryan; Rory & Bonnie McKinnon, & Joanna Stinske*

Peggie Johnson

In honor of Jan & John Williams

Renita & Doug Rigney

In honor of our grandchildren

Diane & Bill Waud

In honor of our grandchildren, William, Walter, & Jack Luke & Wendy, Eli, Wills, and Lucy Waud

Robin & Joe Hamm

In honor of our grandchildren

Sheryl & Jim Isobe

In honor of our grandchildren, Emily & Laura Kate Howell, Holly, Louise, & Harrison Brown, Kai & Nora Wildes, Hendrix Isobe

Hannah, Emily & John Michael Straughn

In honor of Mary Helen & Mike Straughn

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In honor of our grandchildren, Hannah, Emily, John Michael, Cate, Anne, & Jack Straughn

Tracy, Noelle, Matthue, & Randell Thrasher

In honor of Dick Norris for his love and patience