



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



DECEMBER 24, 2024

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24, 2024

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Melinda Dressler

Arr. Don Hustad

Welcome to Worshippers / Invocation

3:00 pm Larry McCutcheon

5:00 pm Dr. Blake Dempsey

Christmas Hymn

Christmas Sanctus

Words: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa / Music: John Dykes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Christmas Music

In the Bleak Midwinter

3:00 pm Tuck Kornegay

Arr. James Taylor

Light of the World

5:00 pm Melissa Yan

Words and Music by Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan

Scripture Reading & Reflection

Dr. Blake Dempsey

“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 Holy Night

Arr. Rick Robertson

Samantha Carter

*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 Arnold

Pat Bray

Kathy Brown & Family

*Laura & Bart Brown
Holly, Louis, & Harrison*

Jada & Tim Christopher & Family

Mary Jane & Jeff Dillard

Bernadine Estes

Sheryl Gould

Shanna & Steve Greenwalt

Dotty Greene

Allison Holt

Janie & George Jones

Sullivan & Littlejohn Families

Karen Love

In Loving Memory of

Hobart Arnold

A.R. Bray

Skip Brown

Skip Brown

*Lloyd Lee Christopher
Douglas Johnson*

*Claudia & Roy Chatman
Jimmy Dillard*

"Mr. Billy" Faulkner

John S. Gould

Jim McNeill

Morris Greene

Charlene Jones

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

Loretta & Monty Littlejohn

Glenn Love

Lisa & Doug Markham

*Marilyn & Mark Markham
Naomie & John Jones – Our Donor*

Marjorie Kay Nix & Family

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

Sylvia & Frank Page

*Mr. Charles Foster
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Page, Sr.*

Tracey & Al Rector

Eileen & Alfred Rector

Donna Reddinger

Jim Reddinger

Karen & Merritt Rogers

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

Ginny Scott

*Mr. & Mrs. William M. Rodgers
Mr. & Mrs. William Scott*

Victor Sharp & Family

*Marybeth & Carl Smith
Shelby & Hughes Sharp*

Denise Sims

Marie & Hoyt Wills

Gail & Richard Stevens

Todd Stevens

*Susan & Jeff Terch
& The Carmargo Family*

*Susie & Bim Burgin
Ann & Ed Terch*

Ann & John Watson

Carolyn & John Watson

Jan & John Williams

*Our parents:
Frances & James W. Holbrook
Dorothy & John Q. William, Sr.*

*Wilson, Estess,
& Martin Families*

*Mary & Glenn Estess
Jane & Pete Wilson*

Susan & Greg Womack

*Nancy Womack
Mabel & Alton Long*

Honorariums

*Laura, Bart, Holly, Louis, & Harrison Brown
In honor of Kathy Brown*

*Charlotte & Mark Coggin
In honor of Mary Jane Dillard*

*Lisa Littlejohn
In honor of Lori & Don Sullivan*

*Lynn & Dale Lloyd
In honor of our grandchildren, Grace Anne & Hunter Lloyd, Lottie, Lucy, & Jack Lloyd*

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

*Marjorie Kay Nix
In honor of my grandchildren: Mallory & Jaxon Stewart, Marian, Marlee, & Lee
Turnipseed, Mary Ella & Melissa Ann Saueressig, Frank Davidson & Reid Nix &
my great grandchild: Buck Stewart*

*Millie Osborn
In honor of my grandchildren, Peyton, Connor, Fischer, Fuller, Richman, Garrett, &
Garner*

*Frank Page
In honor of Pastor & Mrs. Aragon & Jill & David Neely*

Sylvia & Frank Page

In honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Foster

Barbara & Mickey Parker

In honor of Ben & Drew Parker

Joan & Wray Pearce

In honor of Lauren & Andrew Kutsehke

Hannah, Emily & John Michael Straughn

In honor of our grandparents, Mary Helen & Mike Straughn

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