

*Christmas Eve*  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



DECEMBER 24, 2021



# Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, 2021

Welcome to Worshippers

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Prelude

*O Holy Night/Away in a Manger*

Organ/Piano Duet

Arr. Jeff Bennett and Cindy Berry

Organ: Melinda Dressler Piano: Anna Williams

Lighting of the Christ Candle

3:00 pm Waud/ Luke Families

5:00 pm: Hamm/ Posey Families

## Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

King James Version

(Spoken as the candle is being lit.)

<sup>2</sup>The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

<sup>6</sup>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Carol

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

Words: Latin hymn; ascribed to John Francis Wade

Children's Moment *with* the Pastor

Christmas Music

***What Child Is This?***

Arr. John Randall Dennis/ Kornegay

3:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

5:00 pm Tuck Kornegay

Scripture Reading

**Titus 2:11-14**

New Living Translation

Keith McLeod

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, <sup>13</sup> while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. <sup>14</sup> He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

**Prayer of Confession for Christmas**

(based on Titus 2:11-14)

O God, Your grace brings salvation to all people.  
**In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.**

O God, Your grace teaches us to say "no" to all that is unholy.  
**In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.**

O God, Your grace calls us to live godly lives in the "here and now."  
**In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.**

O God, Your grace is sufficient in our waiting. We wait with hope of Your appearing.  
**In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.**

O God, Your grace has given us Your Son, Emmanuel.  
**In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.**

○ God, Your grace redeems us through Christ's sacrifice.  
In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.

○ God, Your grace claims us as Your own and so we call You Father.  
We come with repentant hearts,  
We claim Your grace and forgiveness;  
We choose to love what is right and good.  
In your mercy, Lord, be born in us.

Amen.

Carol

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Words by Charles Wesley

Scripture Reading & Reflection

Dr. Bryant Strain

**"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 center table tonight)*

Carols Sung by Candlelight

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*The First Nowell*

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Away in a Manger*

*Silent Night*

Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Arr. Ron and Linda Sprunger  
Organ: Melinda Dressler Piano: Anna Williams

Organ/Piano Duet

*Tonight's Offering, received in the foyer,  
goes to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home.*

## *Christmas Memorials In honor of our special loved ones*

### **From**

*Renita & Doug Rigney  
Jan & John Williams  
Gail & Richard Stevens  
Mary Helen & Mike Straughn  
Karen & Merritt Rogers*

*Hand Family  
Lori & Don Sullivan  
Lisa Littlejohn  
Doug Barton*

*Susan & Greg Womack*

*Frank Page  
Ginny Scott  
Deanna, Nick, Hannah, Ethan, & Evie  
Pat Bray  
Lynn & Dale Lloyd*

*Ann & John Watson  
Vickie & Gil Franks  
Chris, Jaime, Wyatt, Walker,  
Bradford Williams  
Marjorie Kay Nix & Family*

*Strain Family  
Donna Reddinger  
Kathy Brown  
Millie Osborn  
Merredith & Ron Smith  
Julia & Tim Davis*

### **Memorial**

*Milton "Bud" Stevens  
Our parents  
Todd Stevens  
Greg Logan  
Virginia & George Rogers  
Litton, Jo & Phil Cochran  
Judge Robert Faircloth  
Bob Hand  
Loretta & Monty Littlejohn*

*Nelda & Warren Barton  
Janis Barton  
Nancy Womack  
Mabel & Alton Long  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Page  
Bill Scott  
Jim Barnette  
A.R. Bray  
Beloved Aunt, Joy Thompson  
Limbaugh  
Carolyn & John Watson  
Our son, Zac Franks  
Elliot Williams  
Jim McDonald  
Frank Nix, Marian & Jim Norris,  
Frances & Brunner Nix  
Ruth Strain  
Jim Reddinger  
Skip Brown  
Gary Osborn  
Scott Smith  
Bradley G. Thompson*



Marci Bryant  
Dotty Greene  
Janie, Charles,  
Sarah & Chad Vianey  
Lisa & Doug Markham

Terch Family  
Brown Family  
Christopher Family  
Sandra & Lyle Turner

Stephanie Bryant  
Morris Greene  
Pete Vianey & Tom Neely

Naomie & John Jones  
Marilyn & Mark Markham  
Susie & Bim Burgin  
Elois Brown  
Lloyd Christopher & Douglas Johnson  
Aleen & Kenneth Kyser  
Lois & Ray Turner

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## Honorariums

*The Gibson Family*

*In honor and memory of the ministers and teachers who guided James Henry to faith and Believer's Baptism.*

*Julia & Tim Davis*

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

*Mary Helen & Mike Straughn*

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

*Frank Page*

*In honor of Pastor & Mrs. Daniel Aragon.*

*Nancy & Max Austin*

*In honor of our grandchildren, Austin, Patrick, Ben, Lily Kate, & Molly Maxwell.*

*Kay & Tom McKinnon*

*In honor of our grandchildren, Kendall, Connor, Stinson, Kate, Anna, Blair, & Rory.*

*Chris, Jaime, Wyatt, Walker, & Bradford Williams*

*In honor of our parents and grandparents, Ethyl McDonald, Susan & Jim Williams,  
Beverly & Ed Patterson.*

*Janie, Charles, Sarah & Chad Vianey*

*In honor of Gladys Vianey & Becky Neely.*