DIVINE WORSHIP
The Lord's Day
December 23, 2018

The worship of Almighty God is man's highest calling. In John 4, God tells us that He is actively seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. Thus, we must prepare to love God corporately with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength in the worship service. Take a moment now to reflect on the glory and wonder of God. Pray and ask God to assist the minister in the leading of worship and the preaching of the Word and to open your heart to receive the truth that you will be enabled to commune most deeply with your Savior.

Prelude **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Mr. Brian McCollough*

PRAISING THE LORD

Introit **"Glory to God"** *Will Hatchett & Eric Sparks*

Call to Worship *Mr. McCollough*

Matthew 2: 9-11a

"When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him."

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer *Mr. McCollough*

*Hymn of Praise #208

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Affirmation of Faith *Ruling Elder Jim Klinzing*

Nicene Creed
(page #846 in hymnal)

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Worshipping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings *RE Klinzing*

Offertory **"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"**

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Special Music **"All Glory Be to Christ"** *Girls' Ensemble*

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere His people be, All glory be to Christ!

Prayers of God's People *RE Klinzing*
(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

*Hymn of Preparation #214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Reading of Scripture **Matthew 2: 1-12** *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word

"The World at Worship"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response #218

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Benediction

*Postlude *Mrs. Janice Jones*

***Those that are able, please stand.**

Joyful Singing in the Grove

December 23rd, Today, 4:00 pm- Come join us for Christmas Caroling in the Grove! This will be a time for **all ages** to gather at the church for caroling (Children, Youth, and adults). The carolers will return to the church in time for worship service at 6:30. In this service, we will have more time set aside for singing our favorite Christmas Hymns, followed by a short sermon, then the Lord's Supper. If you are not able to participate in the caroling at 4:00 pm, we hope to see you during the Evening service.

Evening Worship

Tonight we will have a special emphasis on the music of the incarnation of our Jesus, our Savior, while preaching the Word and celebrating the Lord's Supper. Pastor Thomas will preach, pointing us to Christ and His Cosmic Impact Through Christmas. *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."*

Sermon Notes
December 23, 2018 Matthew 2: 1-12
"The World at Worship"

2019 Tithing Envelopes

Envelopes for 2019 are in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall next to the choir room in alphabetical order, please pick up yours by Dec. 31st and begin using them on Jan. 1st.

Deacons on Duty

Dec. 23rd- Bobby Jackson, Will Freeman, David Wilson, & Hutson McClure
Dec. 30th- Dean Ledford, Robert Ross, Gary Klomparens, Ricky Scott

Sound System Assignment

Dec. 23rd- Bill Pierce
Dec. 30th- Jim Klinzing

Visitors

We welcome all of our visitors today and hope you experience vibrant worship and warm fellowship. You are heartily invited to enjoy a cup of coffee in our fellowship hall after the close of worship. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today.

Weekly Events

Nursery Today:	9:30 am-	Sara Malone & Holly Bagwell
	11:00 am-	Naomi Sparks (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Karen Klomparens
Wed. Dec. 26th:	6:30 pm-	No Nursery
Sunday, Dec. 30th:	9:30 am-	Morgan Garcia & Kristin Casey
	11:00 am-	Krystal Hill (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Anya & Noah Swift
Children's Church:	Today-	Sara Malone
	Dec. 30th-	Sharon Jackson

Poinsettias

In Loving Memory	***Given By***
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bennett	The Family
Mr. Maynard Cole	Carol Cole & Family
John & Mildred Copelton	Gary & Joyce Swistak
Mr. & Mrs. E. W Christopher	The Christopher Family
Mr. Doug Epps	Friends
Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Harrison, Sr.	Christopher & Harrison Families
Mr. Bill Hipp	The Family
Mr. John Mahon	The Hicks Family
Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Miller	The Family
J. L. & Pearl Parker	Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Mr. Jim Price	Shirley Price & Family
C. R. & Olive Rentz	Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Coot Martin & Tim Smith	The Smith Children
Joseph & Anna Swistak	Gary & Joyce Swistak
In Honor	***Given By***
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren	Wendell & Mary Jo Christopher
Jack, Kate & Ella Perry	Lewis & Nancy Harrison
Lewis & Nancy Harrison	The Perry Family
Jimmie & Sharon Perry	The Perry Family
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Christopher	Their Children
Jack & Emily Rhodes	Jeff Rhodes & Family
Edna Hicks on her 100th Birthday	The Hicks Family
Angela DePaul	Friends
Alexia Newman	Friends
Steve & Lee Ann Sorensen	Friends
The Don Bloxham Family	Friends
The Richard Thomas Family	Friends
The David Sanders Family	Friends
The Brian McCollough Family	Friends
The Choir, Janice Jones, Phyllis & Marshall Holder, Eric Sparks	Friends
Howard & Janice Cooper	Friends
Joyce Lipscomb	Friends
Michael & Julie West	Friends
Jason Galloway	Friends
Betty Ann Corn	Friends
Mrs. Betsy Epps	Friends
Alton & Kay Stephens	Friends

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs:	$	12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 12-16-18:	$	18,967.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	$	630,400.00
YTD Actual Giving:	$	708,455.00
YTD Difference:	$	+ 78,055.00
Building Fund Contributions 12-16-18:	$	350.00

Important Dates

SPUR Groups- There will be NO SPUR groups til Jan. 13th, 2019.
December 23rd, Sunday, 4:00 pm- Singing in the Grove.
December 24th, Monday, 9:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.
December 24th-25th- Church office will be closed for Christmas.
December 26th, Wednesday- No Wednesday Night activities.
December 31st-Jan 1st- Church Office Closed for New Year Holiday.
January 2nd, Wednesday, 6:30 pm- Combined Prayer Time for all ages as we bring in the new year. No Supper will be served.

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, and cards you sent during this difficult time of losing my sister to cancer. May God's richest blessings be on you and your family during this Christmas season and throughout the new year.
Sincerely, Bonnie Williams

Scripture Memory

Our Scripture memory time is here! Scripture verse lists and NIV packets are now available at all sanctuary entrances. We will be memorizing the book of I Peter.

Giving Opportunity

Just a reminder, if you would like to give to the new HVAC system fund in this 2018 tax year, as Pastor Thomas mentioned in an earlier email, you may do so. Just put in the memo line of your check, HVAC, and it will go toward this fund. The Diaconate plans to replace the HVAC in the Fellowship Hall and Nursery Wing in April, 2019.

2018 Session

E.C. Burnett	Butch Rambish
Tuck Burnette	David Sanders
Johnny Galloway	Mark Smith
Dwayne Hatchett	Al Stephens
Jim Klinzing	Richard Thomas, Moderator
Bill Pierce	

2018 Diaconate

Jay Bagwell	Hutson McClure
Jimmy Biggerstaff	Brian Plexico
Curry Burnett	Skip Rentz
Gregg Casey	Sammy Roddy
Will Freeman	Robert Ross
Bobby Jackson	Ricky Scott, Chairman
Josh Killen	Randy Stewart, Treasurer
Gary Klomparens	Lindsay Terrell
Dean Ledford	David Wilson