

DIVINE WORSHIP
The Lord's Day
December 24, 2017

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.

Announcements *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Prelude *String/Piano Quartet*
"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Signature of Friendship
(Please sign the red signature pad in the pew rack.)

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship **Luke 2: 8-14** *Rev. Thomas*

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Introit *Children's Choir*
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #208
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Affirmation of Faith
Westminster Larger Catechism 38-40

Q. 38. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that He might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death, give worth and efficacy to His sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure His favour, purchase a peculiar people, give His Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that He might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

Q. 40. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should Himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us as the works of the whole person.

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

Offertory *Mrs. Jones*
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

*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

Anthem *Children's Choir*
"What Child is This/Jesus Baby in a Manger"

Prayer of God's People
(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

*Hymn of Preparation #207
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Reading of Scripture **Matthew 2: 1-11** *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word
"Eternal Lessons from Wise Men"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response #200
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*Benediction

*Postlude *Mrs. Jones*
***Those that are able, please stand.**

Evening Worship

Tonight our evening service will be held at 9:00 pm. This is our traditional candlelight service of Lessons and Carols. Pastor Thomas will focus our attention on the Savior by asking the question, "What Do You See?" Let us worship our King together.

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.

Poinsettias

In Loving Memory

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bennett
Mr. Maynard Cole
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Christopher
Mr. Doug Epps
Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Harrison, Sr.
Mr. Bill Hipp
The Klinzings & the Peppers
Larry & Nancy Long
Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Miller
Mrs. Joanne S. Miller
Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Parker, Sr.
Mr. Jim Price
Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Rentz, Sr.
Mr. Jay C. White

Given By

The Family
Carol & Family
The Christopher Family
The Epps Family
Christopher & Harrison Families
The Family
Jim & Linda Klinzing
The Hedblooms
The Family
Crawford Miller
Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Shirley Price & Family
Skip & JoAnn Rentz
Wife & Family

In Honor

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
Jack, Kate & Ella Perry
Our Grandchildren
Lewis & Nancy Harrison
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Christopher
Mrs. Janice Cooper
Lath, Seth, Savannah, Blyth, & Parker
Mrs. Evelyn Harrison
Angela DePaul
Alexia Newman
Steve & Lee Ann Sorensen
The Don Bloxham Family
The Richard Thomas Family
The David Sanders Family
The Brian McCollough Family
The Choir, Janice Jones, Phyllis & Marshall Holder, Eric Sparks
Howard & Janice Cooper
Joyce Lipscomb
Michael & Julie West
Jason Galloway
Winfred & Betty Ann Corn
Alton & Kay Stephens
Mrs. Liz White

Given By

Wendell & Mary Jo Christopher
Lewis & Nancy Harrison
Sharon & Jim Perry
The Perry Family
Their Children
Howard Cooper
Teresa Freeman
Friends
Friends
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Leah, Sarah, & Jay White

Deacons on Duty

Dec. 24th- Gregg Casey, Bobby Jackson, Dean Ledford, & Randy Stewart
Dec. 31st- Gary Klomparens, Sammy Roddy, David Wilson, & Jay Bagwell

Sound System Assignment

Dec. 24th- Jim Klinzing
Dec. 31st- Tuck Burnette

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs :	\$ 12,954.00
Undesignated Tithes for 12-17-17:	\$ 9,524.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 660,654.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 626,532.00
YTD Difference:	\$ - 34,122.00
Building Fund Contributions 12-17-17:	\$ 1,290.00

<u>Nursery Today:</u>	9:30 am-	Michelle Terrell & Ruthie Bloxham
	6:30 pm-	Anya & Noah Swift
<u>Wed. Dec. 27th:</u>	6:30 pm-	No Wednesday night activities
<u>Sunday, Dec. 31st:</u>	9:30 am-	Stacie Stewart & Linda Sanders
	6:30 pm-	No Evening Services
<u>Children's Church:</u>	Today-	Sara Malone
	Dec. 31st-	Sharon Jackson

Important Dates

No SPUR Groups again til Jan 7th, 2018
December 24th, Sunday, 9:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25th & 26th- Church office closed for Christmas
December 27th, Wednesday- No Wednesday night activities
December 31st, Sunday- No Evening Worship, New Years Eve
January 1st & 2nd- Church office closed for New Years
January 3rd, Wednesday- No Wednesday night activities

2017 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	

2017 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	Richard Sisk
Gary Klomparens	Randy Stewart, Treasurer
Dean Ledford	Lindsay Terrell
	David Wilson

2018 Tithing Envelopes

Envelopes for 2018 are in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall in alphabetical order, please pick up yours by Dec. 31st and begin using them on Jan. 1st.