

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 2, 2007

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:45 a.m.

Thank you for being here today. We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God and His Spirit inspires and directs. During our Gathering Time, we invite you to extend a warm welcome to each other and to our guests as we celebrate the gift of Christian fellowship! May you find the joy of God's love and grace as we share this time together.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Somers Family

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 40:3-5

New Testament Reading - Romans 8:18-25

*INVITATION TO SHARE IN WORSHIP

Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia! Jesus is coming!**

At Christmas Jesus came as a baby. **Alleluia! Jesus is coming!**

He came as one of us because He loves us. **Alleluia! Jesus is coming!**

He came to save us from our sin. **Alleluia! Jesus is coming!**

He died, rose from the dead, and lives in heaven.

He will come again because He loves us. **Alleluia! Jesus is coming!**

We praise Jesus, who came as a baby and will come again at the end of time

Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Collins

Harmony Grove Dulcimer Club

Having experienced the warmth of Christian fellowship, we now invite you to take this time to prepare your heart to encounter the living God in worship!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 77

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122, Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14

Jason Cogdill

PASTORAL PRAYER

Jason Cogdill

*HYMN NO. 197

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jeff Rawls

OFFERTORY

Down Came an Angel/ O Come, Little Children

The Christ Child's Lullaby

Harmony Grove Dulcimer Club

arr. Lough

arr. Thompson

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM

Here Comes the Light

Graham

Here comes the Light. Here comes the Light. Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night!

In the eastern sky the stars are shining bright.

Oh, glory hallelujah, children, here comes the Light!

Look to heaven! Here comes the Light. Dawn is breaking. Here comes the Light.

Sing to the nations. Sing jubilation, Children are you ready? Here comes the Light.

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning. Oh, my Lord, what a morning.

When the angels start to sing! Here comes the Light. Here comes the Light.

Goodbye to darkness, goodbye to night! Down in Bethlehem the stars are shining bright.

Oh, glory hallelujah, children, here comes the Light!

SERMON

Getting Ready for God

Matthew 24:36-44

Ramon Smith

*HYMN NO. 121

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

MARGARET

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*RESPONSE

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

POSTLUDE

Cherry Tree Carol/Cold is the Morning

Harmony Grove Dulcimer Club

arr. Lough

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary today are given by the children of Marvin & Marie Murphree in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting-College Classroom
9:30	Sunday School
10:45	Gathering for Morning Worship
11:00	Children's Celebration
12:15 p.m.	Visitation Assignments
12:20	Youth Choir Rehearsal
4:00	Family Ministry Council
5:00	<i>Channels</i>
6:00	<u>No</u> Discipleship
7:00	LIFE Worship Service – Cindy Johnson's Christmas Concert
8:00	Handbells Rehearsal

Monday

7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 907
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Tuesday

10:00 a.m.	<i>Grace Notes</i>
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice

Wednesday

5:30 – 6:30	Supper Line Open
6:00	<i>Cherub Choir, Sing for God, Psalm 8:2</i> Rehearsals, Youth <i>Crosstraining</i>
6:45	Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Youth Discipleship/Missions Called Conference/Bible Study/Prayer Meeting <i>Sanctuary Choir</i> Rehearsal

7:30

Thursday

7:00	<i>Sanctuary Choir</i> Cantata Rehearsal
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Saturday

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
9:30	WMU Christmas Missions Brunch – Smith Hall Girls' Basketball – FBC Clemmons
11:30	Intermediate Boys' Basketball – St. John's Lutheran
12:00	High School Boys' Basketball – Beck's Baptist

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