

# THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 23, 2007 THE FOURTH 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 Rawls Family  
Old Testament Reading - Psalm 118:1-4, 27-29  
New Testament Reading - John 3:16-18

\*INVITATION TO SHARE IN WORSHIP

We gather in preparation **for good news is about to be proclaimed.**  
We gather in expectation **for joy is about to explode in our midst**  
We gather in celebration **for we are those who have said:**  
**Yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others,**  
**Yes to the wholeness of God.**  
With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. Manuel  
*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 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN  
**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

INVOCATION Jeff Allen  
\*HYMN NO. 94 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE  
CHILDREN'S SERMON Jeff Allen  
SCRIPTURE READING Jason Cogdill  
*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7*  
PASTORAL PRAYER Jason Cogdill  
OFFERING OF PRAISE *Eyewitness* Sent By the Father  
\*HYMN NO. 100 *Angels, We Have Heard on High* GLORIA  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Garry Crist  
OFFERTORY *Mary, Did You Know?* Arr. Rouse  
\*DEDICATION OF GIFTS *Doxology* OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>  
**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.**  
MUSICAL OFFERING *Mary, Did You Know?*  
Kim Jones, soloist  
SERMON *The Prince of Peace Comes* Ramon Smith  
*Matthew 1:18-25*  
MUSICAL OFFERING *I Have Come*  
Ward Page, soloist  
\*HYMN NO. 105 *Child in the Manger* BUNESSEN  
\*BENEDICTION Pastor  
POSTLUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Scott

\*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Today**

9:00 a.m.

9:30

10:45

12:15 p.m.

7:00

**Monday**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Saturday**

7:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting-College Classroom

Sunday School

Gathering for Morning Worship

Visitation Assignments

LIFE Worship Service

Office Closed

**Christmas Eve Service**

Office Closed

No Family Night Activities

Men's Bible Study



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Deacon of the Week

*All Believers*

*Rev. Ramon E. Smith*

*Rev. Jeff Allen*

*Mary Keltner*

*Jason Cogdill*

*Ward Page*

*Dr. Charles D. Edwards, Rev. Wm. Foy Martin*

*Sheila Hutcherson*

*Teresa Hill*

*Cindy Huffman*

*Garry Crist*

*Love*