

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 23, 2012

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m.

We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God. His Spirit inspires us and directs our fellowship with each other and with Him. 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 Hinesley family

Old Testament Reading - Psalm 118:1-4, 27-29

New Testament Reading - John 3:16-18

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Still, Still, Still
Sanctuary Bells

Moklebust

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 101

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Allen

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Bells of Christmas Morning
Sanctuary Bells

Ryan

SERMON

Up Close and In Person
John 1:1-14

Ramon Smith

*HYMN NO. 88

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nancy Hurst

OFFERTORY

O, Holy Night

arr. Phillips

*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

Somewhere in Bethlehem

Dengler & Dengler

*Somewhere in Bethlehem, Love has come down to earth. Angels are singing of a Baby's birth.
Lowly the cattle stall. Rough is the manger bed where our sweet Jesus lay down His dear head.
Somewhere on nearby hills, lit by a radiant night, shepherds behold an amazing sight.
Choirs of angels sing, "Glory to God above," singing their praises for God's gift of love.
Hasten now to Bethlehem. Run to see the Child lying in a manger, so meek and so mild.
Somewhere a mother sings. Sweet is her lullaby. All who are watching echo in reply;
Praising the God of love, awed by the wondrous sight, Christ, the Savior, is born this night.
Somewhere in Bethlehem, Love is born this night.*
Channels

*HYMN NO. 105

Child in the Manger

BUNESSAN

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

RESPONSE

What Star Is This?

Curry

*What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? It shines to herald forth the
King, glad tidings of our God to bring.
See now fulfilled what God decreed: "From Jacob shall a star proceed." And lo! The eastern sages stand to
read in heaven God's command.
The guiding star above is bright; within it shines a purer light that leads them on with force benign to seek
the Giver of the sign.
True love can brook no dull delay though toil and danger lie their way; and yet, their home, their friends and
all they leave at their Creator's call.
O while the star of heavenly grace invites us Lord, to seek Thy face, may we no more that grace repel, or
quench the light that shines so well!
To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, may every tongue and nation raise an
endless song of thankful praise.
Let every tongue and nation raise a song of praise!*
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POSTLUDE

Tell the Good News

arr. Smith

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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Sanctuary Flowers

The rose in our Sanctuary today is placed in honor of the birth of London Grace Bonner, daughter of Angie & Jason Bonner, born on December 18, 2012.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

9:00 a.m.

Re:Creation Worship Service

9:45

Sunday School

11:00

Morning Worship

Monday

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Office Closed

Tuesday

Office Closed

Wednesday

No Family Night Activities

Thursday

7:30 p.m.

APB Rehearsal

Saturday

7:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Worship Nursery Workers Today, 9:00: Carolyn Ely, Sarah Talley, Melanie Alexander, Beth Hinesley, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Jennie Lewis, Sarah Hauser

Worship Nursery Workers Today, 11:00 Bonnie Roberts, Phil Roberts, Trudy Elkins, Angie Bonner, Carol Sauers, Larry Sauers, Marla Andrews, Scott Andrews



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