

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 6, 2015

THE SECOND 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 Ann Baker & College Sunday School Class
Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5
New Testament Reading - Ephesians 2:14-18

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

INVOCATION Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 77 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRODOL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Chris May

OFFERTORY

*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.

A Noel Celebration
Sounds and Stories of Christmas
By Lloyd Larson, Marty Parks, & Jay Rouse

Sing Noel

Zechariah

Prepare the Way

Mary

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
with Of the Father's Love Begotten

Joseph

Manger Carol

Shepherd

Noel Festival

Simeon

Noel! Christ the Lord Is Born

Wise Man

What Child Is This?

A Noel Celebration (Finale)

*BENEDICTION Pastor

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* arr. Clarke

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Vogler by the November Usher Team.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

9:00 a.m.	Re:Creation Worship Service
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Morning Worship
5:00 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal

Monday

9:15 a.m.	Senior Tone & Stretch
2:00 p.m.	Craft Class
6:30	Aerobics

Tuesday

9:15 a.m.	Senior Aerobics
10:00	Grace Notes to Carlon in Clemmons
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Junior Coed Basketball
7:30 - 9:00	Senior Boys Basketball

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.	Supper
6:30	Children's Music; Prayer
6:45	Bible Study
	Parents' Discipleship; Youth Missions
	Children's Missions
7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal; yoU-Turn Rehearsal
7:30	

Thursday

9:15 a.m.	Senior Aerobics
6:00 - 7:00	Girls Basketball
6:30	Tone & Stretch
7:00 - 8:00	Intermediate Boys Basketball
7:30	APB Rehearsal

Saturday

7:00 a.m.	A Men's Bible Study
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Peace

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Ministers
 Senior Pastor
 Associate Pastor of Students & Families
 Associate Pastor of Music & Education
 Minister of Senior Adults & Congregational Care
 Pastor Emeritus
 Church Organist
 Pianist
 Deacon of the Week

All Believers
 Rev. Ramon E. Smith
 Rev. Jeff Allen
 Rev. Mary Keltner
 Rev. Christa Warise
 Dr. Charles D. Edwards
 Sheila Hutcherson
 Teresa Hill
 Chris May

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