

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 25, 2016

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Allen

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us praise the Lord together.

The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine upon us
For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.
The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.
Come let us sing to our light and salvation!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy

Tomlin

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy.

Joy, unspeakable joy, an overflowing well. No tongue can tell.
Joy unspeakable joy, rises in my soul, never lets me go.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love
Joy, unspeakable joy...

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 96

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tony Perkins

OFFERTORY

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Hayes

*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.

REFLECTION

How Many Kings

Germain & Marté

Follow the star to the place unexpected. Would you believe after all we've projected-a child in a manger,
Lowly and small, the weakest of all, unlikeliest hero wrapped in his mother's shawl
Just a child - Is this who we've waited for?
'Cause how many kings stepped down from their thrones? How many lords have abandoned their homes?
How many greats have become the least for me?
And how many gods have poured out their hearts to romance a world that has torn all apart?
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?
Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior, all that we have whether costly or meek, because we believe.
Gold for His honor, and frankincense for His pleasure, and myrrh for the cross He'll suffer.
Do you believe it's who we've waited for?
Only One did that for me, all for me. All for me. All for you.

MEDITATION

Christmas Through the Eyes of the Shepherds
Luke 2:8-20

Pastor

(p. 725 in pew Bible)

REFLECTION

Strange Way to Save the World

Clark, Koch, & Harris

I'm sure he must have been surprised at where this road had taken him
Cause never in a million lives would he have dreamed of Bethlehem,
And standing at the manger he saw with his own eyes the message from the angel come to life. And Joseph said
Why me, I'm just a simple man of trade? Why Him with all the rulers in the world?
Why here inside this stable filled with hay? Why her, she's just an ordinary girl?
Now I'm not one to second guess what angels have to say, but this is such a strange way to save the world.
To think of how it could have been if Jesus had come as He deserved:
There would have been no Bethlehem, no lowly shepherds at His birth
But Joseph knew the reason love had to reach so far, and as he held the Savior in his arms, he must have thought:
Why me?...

INVITATION TO RESPONSE

Pastor

*HYMN NO. 89

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

*RESPONSE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

*Those who are able are asked to stand. All song texts used by permission, CCLI #2433318.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

11:00

Morning Worship

Monday

Office Closed

Wednesday

No Activities

Saturday

7:00 a.m.

A Men's Bible Study

- Next Sunday, New Year's Day, we will have a combined worship service at 11:00 in Smith Hall. There will be no Sunday School.
- There will be a Called Conference on Sunday, January 8 to vote on calling Rev. Matt Wilson as Minister of Senior Adults and Family Recreation.



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Rev. Mary Keltner

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Teresa Hill

Tony Perkins

Christ is Born