

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship

Ian Clark, pastoral resident
Jason Graffis, director of contemporary worship and arts
Bob Henderson, senior minister
Grady Moseley, interim minister of congregational life, pastoral care
Jessica Patchett, associate minister
Julia Watkins, pastoral resident
John Longshore, usher team leader

Singing

Kathleen Brand (vocals), LaVita Hill, Jessica Hindman, Vince Hindman, Cheryl Hoover, Mollie James, Juliet Kuehnle, Noelle Lewis, Ben Powell

Playing

Sandra Boozer (mandolin), Charlie Trexler (acoustic guitar), Henry Trexler (bass), Betsey Sesler (banjo), Ron Sledzieski (drums), Dennis Spring (fiddle)

Audio & Visuals

David Balas (projections), Ricko Hill (video), Dave Welchman (audio)

Advent Star (wood, willow branches, bamboo, vine)

The star installed in the sanctuary was designed and created by members of the Worship Arts Ministry. Using non-traditional materials to construct the art piece, the star symbolizes the totality of the Christmas story. The rugged and harsh aspects of the star remind us that Christ's birth was darkened by political unrest, genocide, and homelessness. And yet, the green branches attest to the new life Christ brings. Like the Advent wreath, the star serves as a visual reminder of God's light that shines in a world of darkness.

Cover Image

Shepherds at Night is located in the Sanctuary on the west nave in the first window from the narthex entrance. An angel of the Lord appears to the shepherds from a cloud. A star has come out of Jacob to confirm the prophetic message that Jesus is the long-awaited root and descendant of David. The angel holds the Star of Jacob in his right hand and gestures with his left to a dwelling in Bethlehem, the City of David, bathed in divine light to show where the Christ child is born. The Star of Jacob is also that bright morning star, Venus, rising in our hearts at the break of day as we accept the gift of light offered at the intersection of darkness and light. Reference: Lk2:8-20; Num 24:7; 2 Peter 1:19; Rev 22:16. © 2010 JonSilla.com.

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You may learn more about our life of faith together at our website or on Facebook.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 30, Sanctuary

One worship service: 10 a.m. (traditional/contemporary blend)
No Sunday School or Small Group meetings
Childcare will be available in the Ed Wing



A CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE MUSIC OF APPALACHIA

December 24, 2018

3 p.m.

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*Infant soothing rooms with live video of the worship service are available in the balcony. The service can also be viewed in the Chapel and Parlor.
See an usher for assistance.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Christmas Time's A-Comin' B. Logan¹
Gather 'Round Ye Children Come A. Peterson²
Mary Did You Know M. Lowry, B. Greene³
Ding Dong Merrily On High G.R. Woodward

Call to Worship

O Holy Night (O Night Divine) A.C. Adam, P. Cappeau, J.S. Dwight

Prayer of Christmastide Jessica Patchett

**O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)*

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord
Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
Yea Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n, Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading Ian Clark
Isaiah 11:1-3; 6-9 Old Testament, page 602
O Come Emmanuel H.S. Coffin, J.M. Neale, T. Helmore

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice rejoice - Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel
O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Scripture Reading Grady Moseley
Matthew 1:18-25 New Testament, page 1

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

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 the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Scripture Reading Julia Watkins
Matthew 2:1-11 New Testament, page 1

Offering and the Gift of Angel Ornaments

A special offering will support God's work through our mission partners at Highland Renaissance Academy in Charlotte, Renguti School in Kenya and Accion Ministries in the Yucatan.

Each family is invited to select an ornament and take it home (one per family, please). This angel represents the spirit of Christmas from our Covenant family, lighting your home as you place it on your tree. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible.

* You are invited to rise in body or spirit

PREPARING TO GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem R.F. Boyce, A.M. Pace⁴
In The Bleak Midwinter C. Rossetti, G. Holst arr. J. Rouse⁵

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution Bob Henderson

Communion of the People

You are invited to take communion by intinction. With the ushers' guidance, please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and return to your seat by the side aisle. Note: Gluten-free rice crackers are available on each communion plate. Those wishing to be served in the pew may signal an usher.

The Wexford Carol (Traditional Irish Carol) arr. C. Ford, Yo-Yo Ma⁶

Welcome To Our World C. Rice⁷

Lighting of the Christmas Candle

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**Silent Night*

Silent night, holy night; all is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace
Silent night, holy night; shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born
Silent night, holy night; Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at thy birth; Jesus Lord at thy birth
Silent night, holy night; wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born

*Invitation and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Joy to the World G.F. Handel, I. Watt, Rend Collective⁸

Joy to the world the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king!
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Please place candles in the baskets as you exit the Sanctuary.