

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dan Kilgore

**PRELUDE** *Four Variations on “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”* Denis Bédard

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*The sounding of the three chimes symbolizes the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 238

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

All Stanzas

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

### Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

Rev. Jimmy Mixson

We believe in one God,  
The Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
The only Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God,  
Begotten, not made,  
Of one Being with the Father;  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,  
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
And became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
In accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead,  
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son

Is worshiped and glorified,  
Who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism

For the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Jimmy Mixson

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and peace.

(11:00) *Children K-3rd grade are encouraged to go with the adult leader to worship in WOW.*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Rev. Dan Kilgore

(9:00) Will & Anna Hawkins and children, Gracie and Carolyne

(11:00) William & Tracie Manderson and children, Jackson and Annalee

## ANTHEM

“Mary, Mary What You Gonna’ Call That Baby?”

Avery and Marsh/Carol Jennings

*Mary, Mary, what you gonna’ name that baby? What you gonna’ call that Holy baby?  
Slaves are we and looking for a master. Why don’t you call him Lord? Let’s all call Him  
Lord! Mary, Mary, what you gonna’ name that baby? What you gonna’ call that holy  
baby? We like our sheep need someone to guide us. Why don’t you call him Shepherd?  
Let’s all call Him Shepherd! Mary, Mary, what you gonna’ name that baby? What you  
gonna’ call that Holy baby? Hungry and poor, we need someone to save us. Why don’t you  
call Him Savior? Let’s all call Him Savior! Mary, Mary, what you gonna’ name that  
baby? Kings of the world, we seek someone to rule us. Why don’t you call Him King? Let’s  
all call Him King!*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Rev. Jimmy Mixson

## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

## \*OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 218

*It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

CAROL

Stanzas 1, 3

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jeremy Reid

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please give the Friendship Pad slips to the usher as the offering is received.*

## OFFERTORY

*The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child*

Dan Forrest

*The hands that first held Mary’s child were hard from working wood, from boards they  
sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped no tool of  
steel they drove no iron nail, but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail.  
When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame, and gazed upon those  
bright new eyes and spoke the infant’s name, the angel’s words he once had dreamed poured  
down from heaven’s height, and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with wel-  
come light. "This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us,  
Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone." The tiny form in Joseph’s palms confirmed what  
he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven’s human word. The  
tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to  
crucify God’s gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who’s born today, but charged  
with faith may we be bold to follow in his way. (Thomas Troeger)*

VENI EMMANUEL

## \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-56

Pew Bible, NT, p. 57

Jeremy Reid

## SERMON

"Song of Mary"

Dr. Ken Dunivant

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 245

*The First Noel*

(All)

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

(Women)

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

(Men)

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain**

(Choir)

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place where Jesus lay. **Refrain**

(All)

Then entered in those Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **Refrain**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Ken Dunivant

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE****POSTLUDE***Joy to the World*

Don Hustad

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Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and are in memory of  
Judy Johnson, loving mother and wife given by  
Katie Johnson Crawford and Larry Johnson

**HOSTS/USHERS**

**9:00 AM:** Eleanor Boykin, Dick Zeanah, Dale Erdman  
Doug Harless, Ann Curry, Tony Allison

**11:00 AM:** Glen Cowan, Frances Justice, Jody Jobson,  
Nini Jobson, Bill Jessup, Glenn Powell

**ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION**

**December 13 Attendance:** Traditions: 618; Bridge: 381; Adult SS: 295; K-5  
SS: 51; N/P SS: 42; Youth SS: 60

**December 13 Giving:** Budget: \$55,401.38; Building: \$20,869.91; Organ:  
\$2,917.00; Designated: \$2,229.13

**Deaths:**

- Sympathy to **Alan (Barbara) Davis** on the death of his sister, Mary Nan Carroll of Orlando, Florida.
- Sympathy to **John (Virginia) Wimberley** in the death of his brother-in-law, Finis Marvin Bennett, Jr. of Pearcy, Arkansas.
- Sympathy to **Angela (Lenny) Fulmer** in the death of her father, Thomas Lloyd Humber of Fayette.
- In Thanksgiving for her life, **Eloise Boozer Stockman**, December 12, 2105. Sympathy to her daughters, Dana (Paul) Caan of Greenwich, Connecticut; and Jann (Tony) Massey, of Winter Park, Florida.

**In the Hospital:** DCH: Steve Smith; Northport Rehab: Joe Bratton Bruce Caples; Forest Manor Rehab: Martha Sue Brown (pastoral visits only)

**Welcome New Members:** Dr. Will and Mrs. Nancy Vandervoort and daughter, Virginia Martin Vandervoort; and Jimmy and Ashlee Gillespie and daughters, Emma and Molly.

**2015 Contribution Deadline:** Please submit all 2015 contributions to the church office by noon on Thursday, December 31. **Stock Gifts.** Transferring stock is a great way to give to the church. For those members who use stock to fulfill pledge obligations or for other purposes, please contact Charles Tuten at the church office (205.345.7261 ext 103) with the necessary information as soon as you have notified your broker of the transfer. Stock transfers take several days to process, so make sure to leave enough time for your gift to reach the church by the contribution deadline.

**Leave a legacy this Christmas**

As we consider God's gift of enduring love to us, we must consider what our enduring legacy will be to future generations. You can name the church as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or make the church the beneficiary of an IRA. You can be sure that the church will use it to touch lives through our ministries, blessed by God.

**Wesley Circle** will have a luncheon at 11:30 AM on Monday, Dec. 21 at the home of Sally Erdman, 5509 Inverness Place, Northport, (205) 333-8397.

**MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS, DECEMBER 13, 2015***The Bridge*

**In Honor of Kobie Baker and family** given by Melissa LaCorte

*Building Fund*

**In Memory of Jim Page, Jr.** given by Donna and Mac McAllister

*Cooking for Christ*

**In Honor of Hiram Johnson** given by John Dishuck

*Matthew 25 Fund*

**In Memory of Lewis S. Dean** given by Sharon Deck

*Memorials/Honorariums*

**In Memory of Norma Newton** given by Leo, Michelle, Lauren and Mark L'Etang

**In Memory of Bill Barton** given by Steve and Lucy Sikes

**In Memory of Mary Elsie Pow** given by Dot Rice

**In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Dahlene, Sr.**

given by Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Dahlene, Jr.

**In Memory of Norma Newton, Carolyn Dominick, Chris Kyle, Sr. and Bill Barton** given by Barbara Tarwater

**In Memory of Norma Newton, Bill Barton, Joan Davidson, Charlotte Shamblin, Sam Jackson and Katherine Crafton**  
given by Jeanne Marcus Boyd

*Organ Fund*

**In Honor of Susan Goode** given by Ken Dunivant

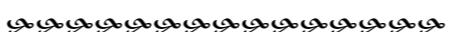
**In Memory of Mary Elsie Pow** given by George and Gladys Miljus

**In Honor of Jimmie M. Smith and In Memory of Ann, Melanie and Earle Smith** given by Jackie Tucker

**In Memory of Mary Dee Krupp, Carol K. Goodwin, Wesley Goodwin, Joyce Shipp, Jack Shipp, Ed Graves, Chris Kyle, Sr., Bake Kyle, Dr. Rufus Moore, Vivian Moore and Fannie Mae Lee** given by Ralph Krupp

*Valet Parking*

**In Honor of the Valet Parking Team** given by Vaudie H. Hallman

**The Longest Night Service**

**Monday, December 21 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary**

The holidays can be a difficult time. Join us for this special service as we recognize that God's presence is here for those who mourn, grieve or struggle with the loss of a relationship. God's word comes to shine light into our darkness offering hope and healing to all.

Nursery is provided for this service.

**Thursday, December 24**

**12:00\*, 4:00\*, 6:00\* & 8:00 \*\*\* PM**

*Traditions Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Communion* in the Sanctuary

**4:00\* & 5:30\* PM**

*The Bridge Christmas Eve Worship & Candlelight Communion* in Chitwood Hall

\* Nursery provided for this service

\*\* Nursery provided for 2 years and under only.

\*\*\* No nursery for this service

**Sunday, December 27**

Regular Schedule for *Traditions* and *The Bridge*



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