

# Service Of Worship

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Organ Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

\*Striking of the Hour

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak. God speaks peace to the people.

**People: The Lord will always give what is good. And God's footsteps will show our way.**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

*Angels, from the Realm of Glory*

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Children's Story Time

## WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The Chris and Michelle Godfrey family

Song

*Light A Candle in the Night*

Choir

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

### PEOPLE: Why do we light two candles?

**Leader:** The first candle reminds us of the hope of the prophets. The second candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable and the love surrounding the birth of the Christ child.

**UNISON:** "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

\*Hymn of Preparation

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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**UNISON PRAYER:** Dear God, help us to have room in our hearts and our homes for other persons who need us. We thank you for friends and strangers who have received us when we were lonely, afraid, or tired. May we be ready to receive the love God offers us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Choral Response

## WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Offertory

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Sermon

*The Love of Christmas*

John 1:1-4, 14  
Rev. Thompson

\*Hymn of Invitation

*Room at the Cross*

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\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Extinguishing of the Candles of Worship

\*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

\*Those who are able please stand

**Welcome!** We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 4th grade leave following the Offertory.

**Sunday:** 9:30 **Youth Play Practice**

10:00 **Sunday School.**

10:55 **Worship Service**

1:30 **Choir Practice**

3:00 **Youth**

**Monday:** 7:00 **Cub Scouts**

**Tuesday:** 6:30 **Women of the Well** will meet in the Parlor. Please bring a snack to share.

**Wednesday:** 6:00 **Choir practice**

7:00 **Boy Scouts**

**Thursday:** 6:00 **Choir Practice**

**Next Sunday:** 8:30 **Men's Fellowship**

10:55 **The Choir** will present a **Christmas Cantata** during the worship hour.

6:00 Our youth will present a **Christmas program** in the sanctuary followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We anticipate a visit from Santa as well. Please bring a snack to share.

The **Christmas Card Exchange** box is in the Narthex. If you have Christmas cards for those who attend church here, you may leave them in the box for them to pick up. If you would like to donate for the cost of postage you save, the money will go to the Deacon Fund to help those in need.

If you would like to give a **poinsettia** in memory or honor of someone please let Mary Griffin or LaVerne Maddox know **today**.

December 19 at 6:00 we will go **caroling** to Eames Drive and Winslow Drive. We need you to help spread Christmas cheer. We give each residence a pound cake, candy for the children, and sing a Christmas carol. You will be blessed by spending an hour of your time this Christmas sharing the love of God. We will meet at the mailboxes at Eames Drive. If you would like to donate to help buy cakes the cost is \$1.00 per cake. You can give the money to Mary Griffin.

If you have any **old glasses**, please bring them and place them in the box in the Narthex.

Please remember our church-wide Christmas project. We designed this to have something to offer **everyone**. You'll find our angel tree that's benefitting three families. Also, our second part of our outreach will benefit both the homeless shelters that are run by Outreach Mission, Inc. Hope you have learned a lot about Outreach Mission by reading the information on display.

Every month we faithfully donate food items and personal hygiene products to **CUOC**. We're focusing on **canned vegetables** this month. Our personal hygiene products are a major help to the clients of **COCU**.

 **LOVE**

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