

Christmas Day
December 25, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *Birthday of the King* Emily Meeks-Littley, Trumpet

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
P: O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
L: Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels! O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
P: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Joy to the World* No. 246
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881
INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.
CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

OFFERTORY *Hallelujah Chorus—Handel* Piano/Organ Duet
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SCRIPTURE LESSON	Isaiah 9:2-7	Old Testament pg. 600
*HYMN	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	No. 234
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 96	Old Testament pg. 520
HYMN	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	No. 217
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Titus 2:11-14	New Testament pg. 202
*HYMN	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 240
*SCRIPTURE LESSON	Luke 2:1-14	New Testament pg. 54

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>That Boy-Child of Mary</i>	No. 241
*BENEDICTION	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	See Insert
*POSTLUDE		Mrs. Meeks

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The rosebud on the Communion Table is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Max William Gibson on December 7 to Abe and Cindy Gibson. Grandparents are Benny and Martha Sue Gibson.

The rosebud on the Communion Table is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Benson Mack Byrd on December 18 to Logan and Haley Byrd. Grandparents are Jon and Anne Crutchfield and great-grandparents are B. W. and Brenda Wright.

Serving Today:

Greeter: Lindsay McDaniel

Ushers: Benny and Martha Sue Gibson

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Serving Next Week (January 1):

Liturgist: Linda Dunlap

Greeter: Benny Gibson

Acolytes: P. D. and Mittie Hambrick

Usher: Bill Cooper

Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson

Nursery: Callie Angle

Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts, Bobby Thompson

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Paul and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Carl Secrest and Family in the death of his sister, Margie Griffin, on December 16.

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, December 26**, Church Office Closed
- **Tuesday, December 27** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
- **Thursday, December 29-Monday, January 2**, Church Office Closed
- **Next Sunday, January 1** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship
 Following Worship, Taking down the Chrismon Tree and other sanctuary decorations. Subway sandwiches will be available for lunch and nursery will be provided.

- **Monday, January 2** **5:00-5:30 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Training
 5:30-6:00 p.m., Finance Committee Training
 6:00-6:30 p.m., Staff/Parish Relations Committee Training

- **Tuesday, January 3** **7:00 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, January 4** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir

- **Monday, January 9** **11:00 a.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 10** **7:00 p.m.**, Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, January 11** **5:00 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday
 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

We are collecting canned soup for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

The January/February edition of the Upper Room is available on the rack in the narthex.

Pastor Will will be out of town December 26-28.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

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

**The shepherds feared and trembled, when, lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.**

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

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.**

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

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