

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent



GATHERING/WELCOME Holy Comforter Carillon

PRELUDE: *The Hills are Bare at Bethlehem* Chamber Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C Amen.

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of all time,

C we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory All Stand & Sing*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.' The music is in 4/4 time and ends with a double bar line.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE

A

The image shows a single musical staff in treble clef, key of B-flat major. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B-flat, and a whole note G.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C

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Lord, have mer - cy.

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For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C

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Lord, have mer - cy.

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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

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and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mer - cy.

A

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mer - cy.

A

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C

A - men, a - men.

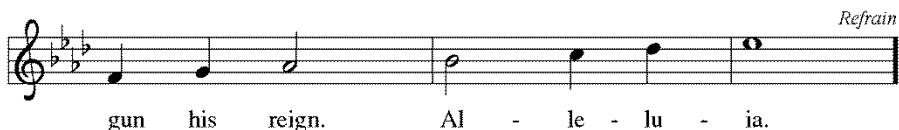
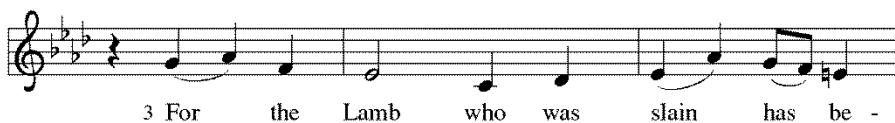
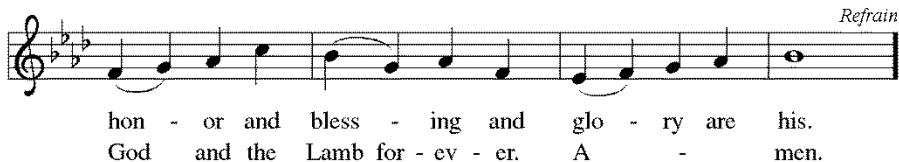
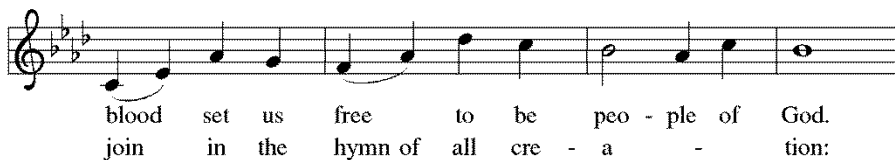
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All elementary children are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children's sermon**. *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries**.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A reading from the seventh chapter of 2 Samuel.

Instead of David building a house (temple) for the Lord, the Lord promises to establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Centuries later, after the Babylonian exile, no king sat on the throne. Even then, however, the people of Israel remembered this promise and continued to hope for a king, the messiah, the Lord's anointed.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: The fourth candle represents **LOVE**. Because of his love, all people are saved. Since God's love for us is perfect, may we perfect our answering love by loving one another.



SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the sixteenth chapter of Romans.

Paul closes his letter to the Romans by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ God has revealed the promised, divine plan of salvation for all humanity. Paul proclaims this gospel of Christ in order to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations.

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In this annunciation, Luke makes clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people (Mary) from little-known places (Nazareth). This king will not be born to royalty in a palace, but to common folk in a stall. Here Luke highlights the role of the Spirit, a special emphasis in his gospel.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* All Stand & Sing

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra-grance ten-der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav-ior, child of Mar-y, who felt our hu-man

prung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing as
 mind; with Mar-y we be-hold it, the
 air, dis-pels with glo-rious splen-dor the
 woe; O Sav-ior, king of glo-ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir-gin moth-er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev-'ry-where. True man, yet ver-y God, from
 dost our weak-ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win-ter, when half-spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav-ior, when half-spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light-ens ev-'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav-en and in-to end-less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4

Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

Your eternal reign has come into the world. Give us ears to hear your call to serve your kingdom, and send us out to those who are hurting and in need of good news. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You created the mystery and beauty of the earth. Replenish rivers, lakes, seas, and all bodies of water, so that plants, animals, and humans can have life and be refreshed. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You bring down the powerful and raise up the lowly. Where war rages, shatter hatred with forgiveness and peace. Where fear rules, make your all-powerful and eternal presence known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You remember us with mercy, Lord, as you have done for all generations. Fill us, comfort us, strengthen us, and enlighten us. Make your will known to all in need. Today we pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You called Mary to bear your Son. We pray for pregnant women, for mothers and fathers of infants and small children, and especially for couples who bear the pain of infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your kingdom has no end. With your servants throughout time, women and men, old and young, unite us forever in your reign of peace and joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

Congregation is Seated

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Glory to God* Congregation & Choir sing as indicated

ST. THOMAS MORE CENTRE
Peter Jones

REFRAIN 1: Cantor/All Repeat



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est. Peace to his peo - ple, peace on earth.

CHOIR: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.
(Refrain 1)

CHOIR: We worship you,

REFRAIN 2: All



glo - ry in the high - est.

CHOIR: Give you thanks, (Refrain 2)

CHOIR: Praise you for your glory. (Refrain 1)

CHOIR: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;

REFRAIN 3: All



have mer - cy on us;

CHOIR: You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer,

REFRAIN 4: All



re - ceive our prayer.

CHOIR: Glory to god, glory in the highest.
Peace to his people, peace on earth. (Refrain 1)

CHOIR: For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God,
The glory of God the Father. (Refrain 1)

CHOIR: Amen. Amen.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* All Stand & Sing



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

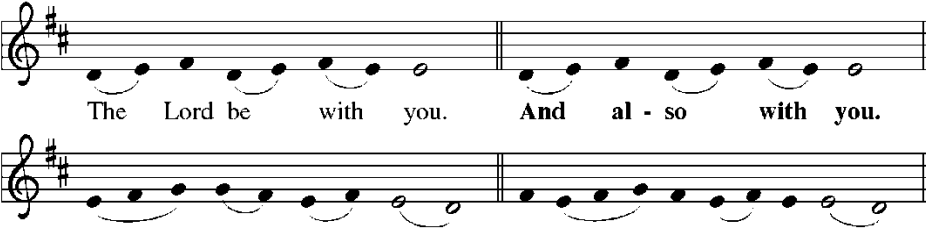
A Let us pray.

C Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

DIALOGUE

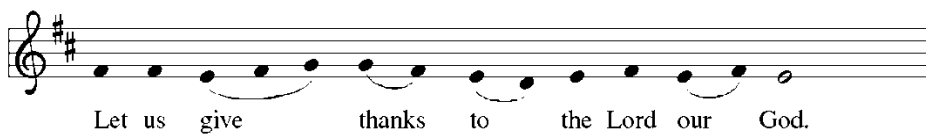
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Congregation

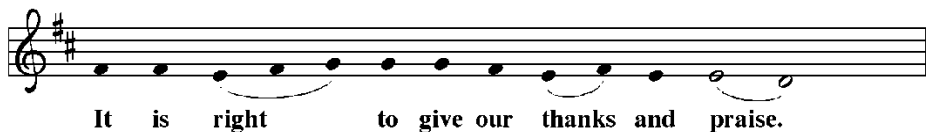


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor



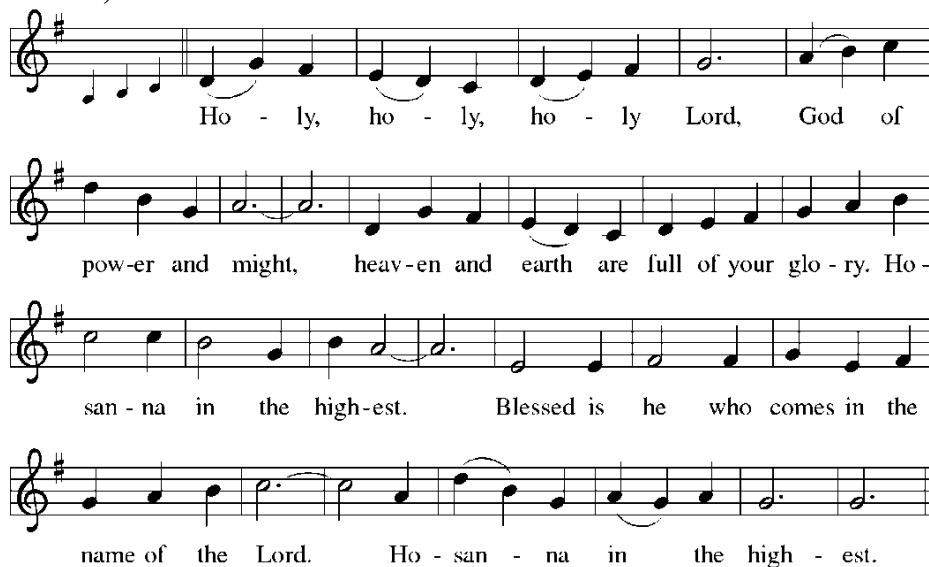
Cong.



PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG *Congregation is seated as they sing:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Once In Royal David's City All Sing

The musical score is written for four-part harmony (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 4 indicating the start of each line of text.

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

Prepare the Royal Highway Handbell Choir
Hail to the Lord's Anointed Chamber Choir

P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

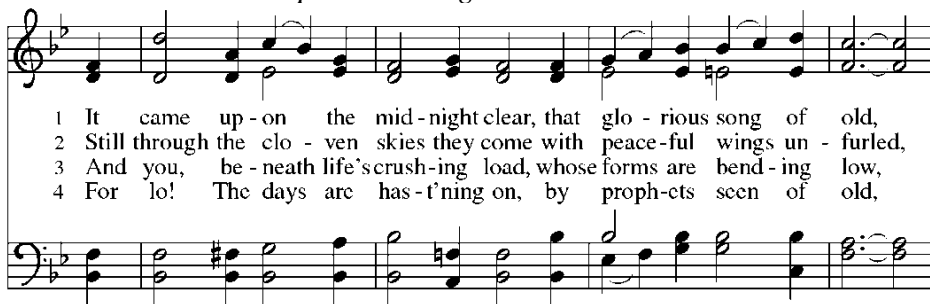
A Let us pray.
C **God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

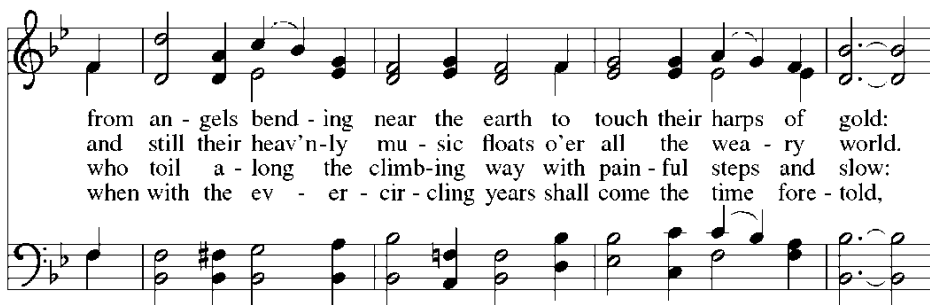
P May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**



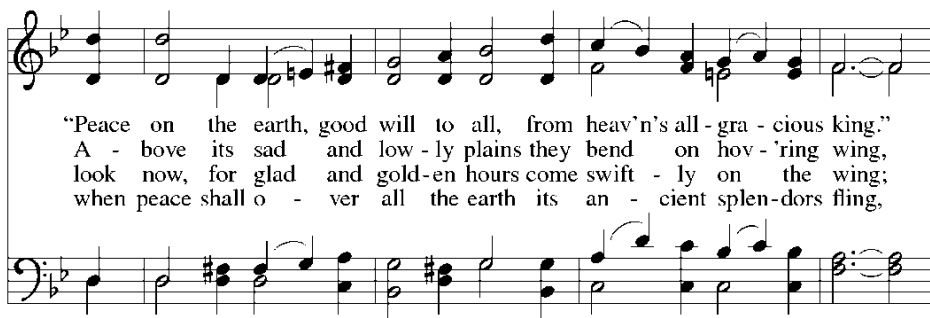
SENDING SONG: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* All Stand & Sing



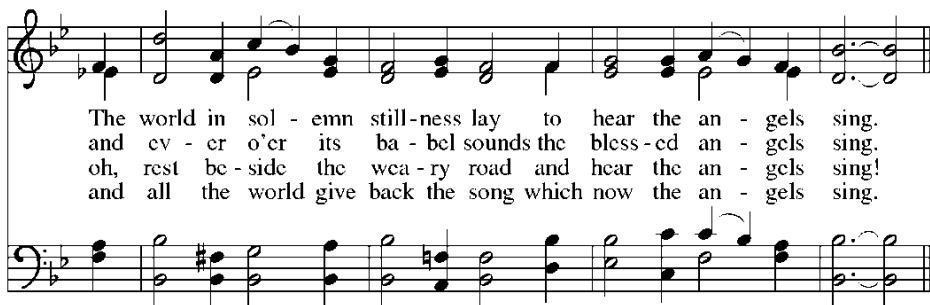
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
 and ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
 oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

SENDING

A Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.**

Offering and Attendance Report for Sunday, December 17, 2017:

Attendance December 17: 153

Budget Report

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Current Offering	\$ 3,384.10	\$264,975.03
Expenses	\$ 5,656.42	272,941.14
Offering less Expenses	<u>(\$ 2,272.32)</u>	<u>(\$ 7,966.11)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>\$283,353.22</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		(\$ 18,378.19)

ASSISTING MINISTERS:**LECTORS:** Billy Joye, Jr.**GREETER:** Kathy Graves**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:**

Volunteers

TELLERS: Janet & Brian Achor**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 3)

Fran Holland, Co-Captain

Tracey Nault, Co-Captain

Amanda Kelly Katie Kessen

Rebecca Yount

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers**SOLOIST:** Don Robinson**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Beka Forst**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Volunteers**EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: December 24-December 31

Today, December 24 Kurt Rogers

December 29 Trudy Whitener

December 26 Amy Alvarez

December 30 Elizabeth Tench

Beverly Robinson

Luke Via

December 28 Molly Koehler



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:**Today, Sunday, December 24**

9:00 am Adult Handbells

9:30 am Adult S.S.

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am **Worship Service with Holy Communion**

10:40 pm Prelude

11:00 pm **Candlelight Service with Holy Communion****Tuesday, December 26, 2018**

7:00 pm Nar-Anon

All music activities & Sunday School will resume on January 7th.

2018 Offering Envelopes are available in the fellowship hallOffering
Envelopes

THE FIGURES OF A SHEPHERD & SHEEP ARE ADDED TO OUR CRECHE. This morning we are reminded that on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep when a bright light appeared in the sky. The shepherds were very afraid. The light was angels sent by God. An angel told them not to be afraid, because he had some good news. He said the Son of God had been born and they would find him in Bethlehem. The shepherds went to find the baby.

THE BLUE CANDLE in the crèche reminds us that we are to keep our hearts and minds in confession and prayer this entire Advent Season.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Ardean Ewing
Becke Featherstone
Ned Featherstone
Dot Holland

Zac Hullander
Jo Irwin
Chuck Kimball &
Family
Chase Lineberger
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry

Marguerite Shive
Ron Speck
Denise Taylor
Jack Tench
Beverly Reynolds
Kathie Schaumburg
Jerri Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Danny Atkins
Jeanne Bernhardt
Barbara Bingham
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer

Karen de la Vega
Carol Fox
Larry "Poss" Garrett
Brandi Hager
John McDermid

Clarence McLain
Jennifer Lineberger
Anne Murdy
Brody Thornburg
Dennis Yates



OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll

Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Please remember these people in your prayers.
**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list,
please inform the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org



The 2018 Flower Chart is now available in the narthex.

Please *print your name* at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 vase or both).

If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.

Cost of both vases = \$45, One vase = \$22.50.

NOTE: ALL year-end reports from church council and committee chairs are due to Dianne in the church office by January 2, 2018. These reports will be included in the annual report distributed to the congregation at a meeting the middle of January.

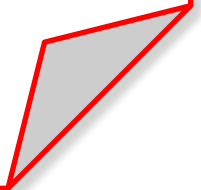


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2018

If you are willing to serve as a **Greeter, Lector, Usher, Eucharist Presenter** OR help in the **nursery** for the **2018** year, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet for each position you are volunteering for. Each volunteer position is listed on a separate clipboard. The clipboards are in the narthex. If willing to volunteer for the whole month, then sign your name at each date for that month. **The chief lector will serve on festival Sundays. To help with the nursery, contact Melissa Bocchino.**



Holy Doodles





POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2017

GLORY TO GOD:

Greg Byrum to the glory of God for Cullen McKay
Pastor Micah & Jenn Kearney (2 poinsettias)

IN HONOR OF:

Greg Byrum in honor of Libby Byrum, mother
Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby and Faye & Warren Heller
Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas in honor of Dianne Lail (Grandma)
Charles & Beverley Mauney in honor of our children, grandchildren and Al McCoy
Mark & Anne Reese in honor of Jim & Barbara Reese and Jim Robertson
Luke & Alec Via and Noah Rawlins in honor of Fran Holland

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean
Greg Byrum in memory of Olin Byrum, father
Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega
Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William L. Kannapel
Tim & Shelia Kelly in memory of Herbert & Pauline Christenbury
Tim & Shelia Kelly in memory of Robert & Mary Kelly
Sue Lahr in memory Stan Lahr
Dianne Lail in memory of A. O. Lail, father
Chuck, Ginger & Jake MacDonald in memory of Heather Mauney Yount
and Pamela Mauney
Charles & Beverley Mauney in memory of Heather Mauney Yount
and Betsy & Ray Mauney and Mary McCoy
Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly
Nancy Powell in memory of James & Margaret Sipe, parents
Mark & Anne Reese in memory of Shirley Robertson
Gary & Karen Rogers in memory or Harry & Helen Laver
Harold & Jo Singleton in memory of their parents
Lynne Sudarich in memory of her parents Leonard & Marie Sudarich
Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount

This is the list that the church office received. We apologize if there were any names omitted.

The **National Youth Gathering** is exactly what it sounds like,
30,000 + youth will gather in Houston.
We are excited to serve, worship and gather in large community.



**There are 185 days till our group
of 7 travels to Houston!**
For more information or looking to help,
talk to Beka.

BCO December Items of the Month



**Grits &
Oatmeal**



PB&J CAMPAIGN

The North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program is conducting its annual ***Peanut Butter & Jelly Campaign***. Please place your donations of peanut butter and/or jelly in the labeled box located in the fellowship hall. The collection of peanut butter and jelly runs through January 12.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

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