

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Giving Tree for El Buen Pastor

Thank you so much for your joyful participation in the El Buen Pastor Giving Tree! All of the tags have been taken, and we are collecting wrapped gifts today as well as next Sunday, December 16. El Buen Pastor has invited everyone to attend their worship service on Sunday, December 23, at 3 p.m. at the Marcus Recreation Center (3003 Northaven Road). A Christmas celebration will follow at 3:30 p.m., and the families will receive their gifts. All are welcome.

Christmas Children's Choirs

Children ages 4 – kindergarten and children in 1st – 5th grades are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve service! Interested 1st – 5th graders can join Jill Smith in room #136 after worship for a short children's choir rehearsal. Children ages 4 – kindergarten age will meet with Stefani Rea in classroom #124 after worship.

Elementary School Moms Christmas Fellowship

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at Kristi Breed's home (7337 Malabar Lane) to celebrate Christmas! Drinks and snacks will be served. RSVP to kristibreed@gmail.com.

The Wedding of Dave Clelland and Pamela Abbott - December 15

Dave Clelland and Pamela Abbott have graciously invited us all to attend their wedding on Saturday, December 15, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony here at the church. Dave and Pamela welcome children to join their parents in celebrating this special day. Childcare will not be provided. The couple has requested no gifts please, but cards and notes are welcomed.

Coffee and Fellowship for Moms of Middle and High School Youth - January 25

Please join us for a "come and go" coffee in the home of Shannon Bowers (5358 Montrose Drive) from 9:30 - 11 a.m. on Friday, January 25.

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Order of Worship

DECEMBER 9, 2018

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

adapted from Isaiah 9

Minister: Come and worship! Worship Jesus Christ the Incarnate King!

All: His Name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Worthy is He of all praise and honor and glory and blessing!

HYMNS*

Joy to the World | No. 195
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

O Come, All Ye Faithful | No. 208
Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

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;

Chorus:
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 heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest;

Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

Chorus

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Friday Storytime and Open Play

Join us on the first and third Friday mornings of the month, as our children's rooms and playroom will be open for free play from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will also have a story and music time geared towards toddlers and preschoolers at 10 a.m. We would love for you to join us. Feel free to invite friends and come enjoy fellowship in our new space! Contact Lindsey Micek (lflyg@yahoo.com) with questions.

Playground Emergency Exit Door

For security purposes, the door by the large playground will remain locked at all times and should only be used as an emergency exit door.

Nursing & Comforting Rooms for Families during Worship Hour

Providence has both a nursing and a comforting room for families. These rooms are fully equipped with a sound system and volume control that allows for the service to be heard perfectly. The nursing room, around the corner from the children's desk, has a changing station and privacy blinds. The comfort (& joy) room, #124, has a bin of toys and books to accommodate toddlers and other children who could be a disturbance in service and is in the same hallway as the church offices. We encourage families to make use of these rooms as they are intended to be a help to all church attendees in allowing the Word of the Lord to be clearly heard and reflected upon during worship.

Worship activity bags for children are located on hooks by the benches in the north sanctuary lobby.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 35 & 36

Minister: What does it mean that Christ “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

All: It means that the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that He might also become David’s true descendant, like His brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Minister: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

All: He is our mediator and He covers our sinfulness with His innocence and perfect holiness in the sight of God.

SONG OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | No. 194
Stanzas 1, 3, 4, and 5

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.

Chorus

O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from the Valley of Vision “Man of Nothing”

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, when you would guide me, I control myself. When you would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I satisfy myself. And when I should depend on your provision, I supply myself. Convince me that I cannot be my own God, or bring myself true fulfillment, nor be my own Christ to restore my joy. Father hear my prayer and forgive me for the sake of Jesus. In His matchless name, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:7, Romans 4:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ruling Elder, Mr. Tom McCabe

MUSICAL OFFERING

Children's Time

During the musical offering, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children during the hymn of response. Parents may meet them by the north entrance or children may join their parents at their seats.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Matthew 1.18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

SERMON

God With Us

Rev. David Rea

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

What Child is This | No. 213

Stanzas 1-3

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: *Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

The outer ring is grape juice and the inner rings are wine.

During the bread

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor | No. 230 QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE
Stanzas 1-3

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;
Thrones for a manger didst surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heav'n-ward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing | No. 203

Stanzas 1-3

MENDELSSOHN

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION*

Numbers 6:24-26

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.