

Service of Divine Worship

First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2010

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Tell the Good News" Smith

The Welcome and Announcements

Solemn Declaration and Call to Worship Reverend June Grubb

Pastor: Some people say that Christmas is for children.

People: Christmas is also for people of age and experience.

Pastor: Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, and Zechariah, the priest, accepted new birth breaking into all their familiar patterns.

People: Simeon the singer and Anna the prophet hoped for many years to see the Messiah and then recognized the Messiah in a poor couple's baby.

Pastor: How then shall we respond to Christ's promised coming?

People: With willingness for change, with patience in long waiting, with silence and signing, with the ability to see Christ in the least likely of our brothers and sisters.

Pastor: Let us rejoice and sing praises to God!

People: Christ the Savior is born! Thanks be to God!

Praise to God

*The Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 112

*Unison Prayer

Gracious God, we pray this day for all who have come with us to Bethlehem. We pray for those who are poor and cold and hungry like the shepherds, that they may hear good news. We pray for those who are wandering and searching like the magi, that they may find the place to leave their gifts and their burdens. We pray for those who are busy, hurried, preoccupied like the innkeeper, that they may know the peace that comes from a genuine act of hospitality. We pray for those like Herod who have power, that they may use it with good will. We pray for ourselves---we who each need comfort and peace, even joy, in this starlit season and all the days of our lives. Amen.

Quiet for Personal Prayer and Meditation

*The Response Carol "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 105

The Sermon in Carols

The Greens and Holy Days

The Singing of Carols "The Holly and the Ivy" Insert
"Once In Royal David's City" Insert
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 107

Angels and Shepherds

The Singing of Carols "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" No. 102
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 106, vs. 1-4, 6
"The First Nowell" No. 118, vs. 1, 2, 4

The Stable

The Singing of Carols "Away In A Manger" No. 109
"O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 108

The Shepherd's Return

The Singing of Carols "Silent Night" No. 101

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer {we pray debts}

Invitation to Give
The Offertory "O Holy Night" Traditional

*The Offertory Response (*chorus of "Angels We Have Heard on High"*)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

A Visit from Anna and Simeon (*Based on Luke 2:22-38*)

Anna: Carolyn Spivey Simeon: Reverend Banks Shepherd

*The Carol "Joy to the World" No. 120

*The Benediction Reverend Shepherd

*Congregational Response

**O, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers.

USHERS: Walter Hoffman, Ann Hoffman, Dave Fulton, Doris Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: John Potts

ACOLYTES: Kelsey Johnson and Peyton Barr

GREETERS: Thomas and Sauni Johnson

NURSERY {to 6 years-old}: Cheryl Walser

PRAYER CONCERNS: Barbara Schaeffer, Ronnie Durham, Callie Kepley, Betty Potts, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family), and Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 26 11:00 a.m. ----- **WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL {Reverend June Grubb}**

Tuesday, December 28 7:00 p.m. ----- Prayer Shaw Ministry {Parlor}

Thursday, December 30 5:30 p.m. ----- Yoga Class {Parlor}

Friday, December 31 Office Holiday

Sunday, January 2 9:45 a.m. ----- JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL {Lesson: Men's Bible Class}

10:20 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIAL
{Host: Cheryl and Bill Walser, Janette Neal and John Potts}

11:00 a.m. ----- **WORSHIP SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION**
Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons

Noon ----- **DECORATING AND HANGING OF THE GREENS COMMITTEES**
REMOVE DECORATIONS FROM CHURCH BUILDINGS

Wednesday, January 5 11:00 a.m. ----- Morning Glory Circle {Parlor}

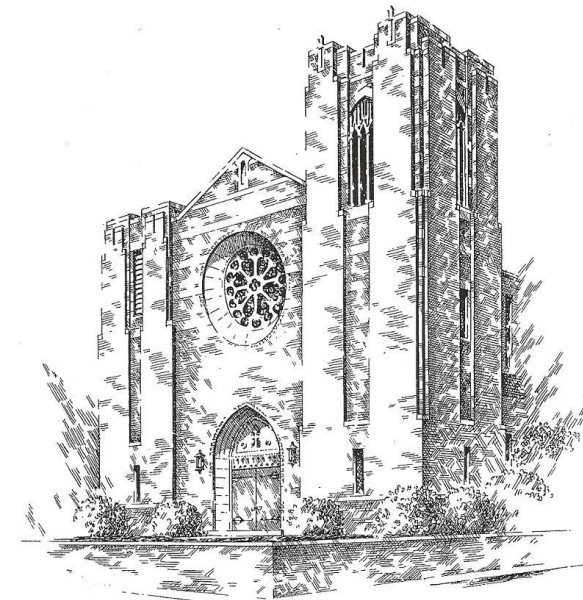
7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Chapel Annex}

12/19/10 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
142	\$8,863.00	\$5,581.00	\$257,145.00	\$286,504.00 (\$29,359.00)

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend June Grubb, Minister-On-Call (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com; Home #248-5668; Cell #240-2503)
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ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby, In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him Through His own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gently is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

The holly and the ivy, now both are full well grown,
Of all the trees within the word, the holly bears the crown.

O the rising of the sun, the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as any flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior.

O the rising of the sun, the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good.

O the rising of the sun, the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day in the morn.

O the rising of the sun, the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.



The Church Directory Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Evangelism is in the process of gathering pictures for a new church directory. During this season when everyone is snapping pictures, please pick out a family photo and email it to Nicole Smith at nicole_kathleen@hotmail.com. This picture doesn't have to be in a certain setting, it can be at home, the beach or the mountains. If you do not have a photo to submit, arrangements can be made to have a picture taken at church. If you have questions, please check with Committee Chairman, Clifton Murphy.

Also, if you have any candid shots of church functions, such as VBS, Blowing Rock, Christmas programs, etc. we would appreciate those as well.

You will continue to hear more about this project in the coming months. In the meantime... do your part and get your photos in! Also, please fill out the member information sheet found in the church newsletter, or contact the church office for a copy of the information sheet.