



**LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM...**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE** Micah 5:2-5a

**\*HYMN NO. 43** (blue hymnal) O Little Town of Bethlehem

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:2,6-7

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13

**\*HYMN NO. 40** (blue hymnal) Joy to the World!

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-7

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-14

**SELECTIONS FROM SCRIPTURE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION**

**\*HYMN NO. 41** (blue hymnal) O Come, All Ye Faithful

Ellen Anderson

Maggie Gordon

*Forest Green*

Spencer Williams

Joe Hutzenbiler

*Antioch*

Maggie Bendy

Savannah Lockwood

Buran Phillips

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*Adeste fideles*

**AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE...**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Tonight we will be celebrating Holy Communion by the method of intinction, where worshipers may come forward and take a piece of bread to dip into the cup. The ministers and ushers will direct you.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Dieterich Buxtehude

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

**SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING ...**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:15-20

Will Bendy

*After the scripture is read, the lights will be dimmed, and the minister will light a candle from the Christ Candle. The minister will then light the candles of the ushers, who will then light the candles of the first person on each aisle. Light will then be passed from worshiper to worshiper. Remember that the lighted candle remains upright and the unlighted candle is tipped to the lighted candle.*

**\*HYMN** Silent Night, Holy Night

*Stille Nacht*

*(The candle is held close to the breast)*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,

Round yon virgin mother and child!

Holy infant, so tender and mild.

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

*(The candle is extended outward)*

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar.

Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

*(The candle is extended upward)*

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face.

With the dawn of redeeming grace

Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth.

*Following the singing of the final hymn, ushers will direct the back pew to lead a silent recessional to carry the light outside, weather permitting. After everyone has gathered in the courtyard, we will sing the first verse of "Joy to the World."*

**\*BENEDICTION**

\*Indicates standing.

**Symbolism of the Lights**

The significance of the Candlelight Service is twofold. First, in the distribution of the lights, we see dramatized before us the spreading of the Gospel Message and the growth of the church through the centuries. The pastor's candle is symbolic of Christ, the living Word, and is an extension of the Christ candle in the Advent wreath. The ushers who carry the light to the congregation represent the Apostles whom Christ sent out to spread the Word and draw the world to Him. The church has grown because men and women and young people who have heard the Good News have been faithful in telling someone else about it, and this is symbolized by your passing the light to the person beside you. The ushers will light the candle closest to the aisle. As each candle bursts into flame and the sanctuary gradually brightens, we catch the significance of Jesus' statement that we are "the light of the world," and that we should spread this light to the "very ends of the world." Secondly, we find significance in the lights during the singing of the dedication hymn. During the singing of the first verse, we hold our lights close as we rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we sing the second verse, we hold the candle out in front of us as we rededicate our homes and families once again to him. During the last verse, we hold our candles high as we rededicate our part of His church here to the task of taking the Gospel Light to every corner of the earth. After the Benediction, please extinguish your light. Receptacles for the spent candles are located in the narthex.

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Please use extreme caution in the handling of the lighted candles to prevent accidents with the hair or clothing of the person in front of you and the pews or carpet. Children must be carefully supervised. For safety's sake, it is requested that children under six should "share" their parents candle.

**READERS:** Emma Adamcik, Maggie Gordon, Spencer Williams, Joe Hutzenbiler, Maggie Bendy, Savannah Lockwood, Will Bendy

**USHERS:** Emma Adamcik, Ruth Ann Bendy, Maggie Gordon, James Hutzenbiler, Mac Whipple, Spencer Williams, Ellie Yates, Max Yates

***Advent Flowers 2013***

*We would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our Flower Guild during this Advent Season.*

Jean Alexander..... In memory of her mother, Norma Cwiek  
Ellen and Ken Anderson..... In memory of their mothers, Alice Burgoon  
and Lucille Anderson

Laura and Jack Barron..... In honor of their families and the love they share  
Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren..... In loving memory of Clark  
The Bonnyman Family..... In memory of Mary McKeehan  
Marlene Browning..... In memory of Larry Browning  
and sons Steve and Craig

**The Order of Worship**

**December 24, 2013**

**5:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

*We welcome all to this service of worship, especially our visitors and guests. In the time before the service begins, we invite all who worship here to take a moment to offer a prayer lifting up to God the life and work of this family of faith and its pastors.*

**JOY TO THE WORLD: THE LORD IS COME...**

**PROCURE A CANDLE IN THE NARTHEX**

**PRELUDE** Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her

Georg Böhm

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Johann Pachelbel

*Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ*

The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity)

John Ireland

trans. Ireland

**WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Buran F. Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 31** (blue hymnal) Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Jeff, Debbie, Will, Maggie and Ruth Ann Bendy

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Emma Adamcik

Leader: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.**

Leader: And this shall be a sign for you.

**People: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.**

Leader: And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**\*HYMN NO. 116** (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

Vaughn Bush. . . . . In memory of Patricia A. Bush  
 Sara Cantrell . . . . . In memory of Bob  
 Scott and Jerry Carley. . . . . In honor of Angela Grobe  
 and in memory of Geri and Jack  
 Chappell children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren. . . . .  
 In memory of Lola and Bill Chappell  
 Barbara Cline. . . . . In honor of Lisa, Gabe, Jeff, Faith and Arianna  
 The Cruze Family. . . . . In memory of Norma Morse  
 The Dean Family. . . . . In memory of Scott, Carter, and Mimi  
 Christie Dowling. . . . . In memory of her mother, Betty M. Caldwell  
 Carol, Scott, Jami and Olivia Faulkner. . . . . In memory of Kenneth L. Faulkner  
 Don and Connie Graham. . . . . In honor of their children and grandchildren  
 and Josephine Ethridge  
 John and Betty Hanes. . . . . In memory of their parents  
 Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn and Nathan Harmon. . . . .  
 In memory of Barbara Goan and Benjamin Harmon  
 The Hatmaker Family. . . . . In memory of Linda Morton, Mrs. J.G. Morton  
 and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hatmaker  
 Kathryn and Sky Huck. . . . . In memory and honor of their family: those present  
 and those who have passed  
 Bitsy Newman Ingram. . . . . In memory of Dr. Robert W. Newman  
 Anne and John Langley . . . . . In honor of Voncille M. Shepard  
 In memory of Robert B. Shepard, Clarmont J. and Anne Langley  
 and Robert W. Langley  
 Cile, Ed, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews . . . . . In memory of Matt Mathews  
 Sue McSween. . . . . In memory of Mary McKeehan  
 and in honor of Georgann Byerley  
 Rookie and Jane Norton. . . . . In memory of their parents  
 Rick, Kathryn and Clara Oakes. . . . . In honor of Fritz Schilling  
 In memory of Barbara Schilling  
 Bob and Ada Pfohl . . . . . In memory of Elizabeth and C. LeClair Greenblatt,  
 Dorothy and J. K. Pfohl, Jr. and Betty and Robert Campbell  
 Rick and Janice Rawe. . . . .  
 In honor of their granddaughters: Margaret, Nina and Sammy  
 Larry Ridley Family. . . . . In memory of John Smartt, Sr. and Harriet Smartt  
 Molly Roberson and Family. . . . . In memory of Scott Roberson  
 Rotella Family. . . . .  
 In memory of Margurite Rotella; Al and Mary Rotella; Nancy Helton;  
 Jean and Oscar Huffstetler  
 Mary L. Ryan. . . . . In honor of the Prayer Shawl group  
 Joyce and Tim Ryan. . . . . In honor of Helen Ryan  
 and their grandchildren: Chandler, Camryn and Connor Ryan  
 and Josie Noelle Bice  
 John and Elizabeth Salsbery. . . . . In memory of Bonnee Rainwater  
 and Chris Salsbery  
 Doris Solomon . . . . . In honor of the Flower Guild and other helpers  
 Cindy Spangler. . . . . In honor of Rachael Spangler and Trey Rogers  
 in celebration of their engagement  
 Kathie and Thomas Tallant. . . . . In memory of Mary McKeehan  
 Julia Tortorelli. . . . . In memory of her grandparents,  
 Alberta and William Bertelsen and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli  
 Joe Ben and Robin Turner. . . . . In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enoch Carruth  
 and Mrs. Edythe Turner Bennett

Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel. . . . .  
 In loving memory of their precious mothers: Natalie W. Smith  
 and Shirley J. Rechenbach  
 Jim and Linda Yates. . . . . In memory of Bonnee Rainwater, Chris Salsbery,  
 Bob Cantrell and Barbara Schilling

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:** Worship is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. only. We return to our regular schedule on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES** have arrived. Please pick up your copy in the Schilling Gallery.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN** on December 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will resume our regular office hours on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**LECONTE 2014:** It’s time to register for the July 26, 2014 LeConte hike. A deposit of \$50 is required for each hiker, with the balance due at the time of the hike. The total cost of \$132 covers dinner on Saturday night, lodging, and breakfast on Sunday morning. We have 17 slots available.

**Adult Sunday School Classes - January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Table Talk** - This class will use a varied curriculum and format, beginning with a DVD series entitled, “Animate Faith.”

**Living the Questions 2** - LtQ2 is a popular video & internet-based small group exploration of progressive Christianity featuring premier religious voices of our day.

**Bible Study** - The great themes of Genesis are fascinating: Relationships between God and creation, between God and humankind, among tribes, and among individuals. We see in Genesis the beginning of human understanding of monotheism, of covenant, of sin, of sacrifice, and of faith and redemption.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER** resumes January 8<sup>th</sup>. Our program that evening will be presented by Dave Dupper, professor and director of the UT College of Social Work.

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	<b>THE SESSION</b>	
<b>Class of 2014</b> Terry Crow Angela Partelow Tim Ryan Cindy Spangler Bill Wiesehuegel Youth Elder: Will Bendy Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley	<b>Class of 2015</b> Ellen Anderson Jean Bonnyman Hap McSween Rick Oakes Jack Woodall	<b>Class of 2016</b> Mary Boyd Jerry Faerber Vicki Mayfield Scott Porter Elizabeth Ridley
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