

SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON,
AND THOU SHALT CALL
HIS NAME JESUS; FOR HE SHALL
SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.
MATTHEW 1:21

Celebrate Jesus



Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

10:55 AM Worship Service

*Congregation please stand.

Prelude		Sandra Douglas, Violin
Welcome to Worship		Rev. Alex Martin
*Fellowship & Greeting Time		
*Invocation		Benny Lisk
*Carol of Praise	<i>"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"</i>	No. 187
Lighting of the Christ Candle		Tony and Deena Martin and Family
The Church Family at Prayer		Rev. Alex Martin
Pastor's Time with Young Disciples		
(No Children's Church today)		
*Carols of Giving	<i>"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"</i> <i>"Isn't He?"</i>	No. 213 No. 214
*Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>"Mary, Did You Know?"</i>	arr. Wyrzten
*Doxology		No. 668
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:8-20 (page 725 in pew Bible)	Rev. Alex Martin
Choral Mediation	<i>"Wonderful Counselor"</i>	Merritt
Message	"The Gifts of Christmas"	Rev. Alex Martin
*Carol of Response	<i>"O Come, All Ye Faithful"</i>	No. 199
At this time you are invited to make public any decision you may have regarding acceptance of Christ as lord and Savior, rededication of life, or church membership. You may also come to the altar to pray.		
*Closing Comments & Prayer		Rev. Alex Martin
*Congregational Response	<i>"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"</i>	
*Postlude	<i>"Angels from the Realms of Glory"</i>	arr. Sikes

Lighting of the Christ Candle

An angel carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, coming down out of heaven from God. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. (Revelation 21:10, 22-23)

On this Christmas Day, our Advent journey brings us at last to the manger of Bethlehem. Here with wise men and shepherds, we kneel in worship. Here with Mary, we ponder in our hearts all the lessons that God has taught us along the way. But do we see that this is not the journey's end? With hearts aflame with love for God and each other, we now set off to follow Jesus, knowing that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life... trusting that He will lead us to the light of our heavenly home.

Today, we light the Christ Candle of our Advent Wreath, and we pray – that by its light – we may follow even more closely the Lord who invites us to experience the glory, grace and wonder of His kingdom.

People: Let us declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness and into His wonderful light.

Church Statistics

Budget Year 2011-2012		Receipts to	Expenditures	Receipts minus
As of December 18, 2011	Budget to Date	date	to date	Expenditures
General	\$100,641.00	\$95,363.49	\$68,174.01	\$27,189.48
Debt Retirement	\$2,716.92	\$5,406.18	\$509.79	\$4,896.39
Transportation	\$905.64	\$699.15	\$124.62	\$574.53
Debt Reduction Funds Available:		\$25,286.76		
Loan Balance as of December 7, 2011:		\$45,660.48		
Date	Bible Study	Combined Worship	Total Worship	
12/18/11	194	313	313	

Calendar of Events

<p>Sunday, December 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 10:55 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>Monday, December 26 Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, December 27 10:30 AM Women In Mission Medical Ministry</p> <p>Wednesday, December 28 No Wednesday Night Activities</p> <p>Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Sunday, January 1 8:30 AM Uplift 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>Monday, January 2 Office Closed</p> <p>Wednesday, January 4 12:00 PM J.O.Y. Luncheon 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, January 5 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice</p>
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The Christmas Tree Prayer

Our
Father,
as we enjoy
the holiday
decorations and
the festivities, may
an evergreen tree serve
as a reminder that your
word is also evergreen. May
the multitude of sparkling tree
lights remind each of us to be a
shining light unto others and to share
the good news throughout the land.
May the **garland** on the tree remind us
to surround our family, our church and our
community with prayer. May the **ornaments**
on the tree remind us that even though we are
a diverse group of people with many differences,
we have one thing in common - your love for each
of us. May the **star** at the top of the tree, remind us
of that Holy Night, so long ago, when a celestial star,
served as a guide to the manger in Bethlehem. May the
presents under the tree remind us that giving our time,
our talent and our help in our church and to others is our
present to You and is part of Your plan. May we forever
keep the meaning and the message of your Son's life
evergreen.

Amen

Beginning Sunday, January 1, Pastor Alex encourages you to be present in worship for "Resolved: New Hope for a New Year." This three week message series invites you to consider: What resolutions will make a "Kingdom difference" in the year ahead? Why not invite a friend to join you in worship as we kick off a new year together?

Helpful Reminders	December 25	January 8
Nursery Workers	Uplift	Uplift
Bed Babies—4	No Uplift Service	Mike & Carol Lowe
Children's Church	No Uplift Service	TBA
	Traditional	Traditional
Bed Babies /	Sandy Nowlin, Evelyn Nowlin	Jan Varney, Jane Sawyers
2 - 4 Year Olds	Kent and Kyle Moser, Faye Haas	Cathy Stevens, Denise Cain
Children's Church	No Children's Church	TBA