

Order of Service 12.27.2020

Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas

-arr. Bennett

Welcome/Call to Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful (No. 234)

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.

Refrain:

O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Melissa Bragg

Opening Hymn

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (No. 224)

Verse 1

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Verse 2

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News! News!
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Verse 3

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: News! News!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Announcements Morning Prayer

Anthem

Christmas Medley

The Handbells

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Sermon

Christmas Goes On After December 25

Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth
at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

(No. 240)

Verse 1

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 hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heaven 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 with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

Verse 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Postlude

Rondeau Carol— arr. Cooman



Sunday School

Join us for our congregational-wide
Sunday School in the CAC after
service. From 10:15-10:45 AM, we will
explore and study our Bible together in
this group setting while maintaining
social distancing.

Warming Hearts Missions Project

January and February can be hard months for those in need – the weather is cold, many do not have the basic essentials or they have run out after the rush of Christmas donations.

Please help us warm the hearts of those less fortunate in our community. In February we will join our Community Kitchen in giving out additional food as well as socks, hats, and gloves. We will be collecting these items during the month of January.

If you are not able to drop off the specific items but would like to support this project, you may drop off a monetary donation to the church office (on the memo line please designate it to Warming Hearts). For more information, please see Stephanie Wilson or contact the church office at 704-739-2471. We also have an Amazon Wish list and the link is at www.cumckm.org and on our Facebook page.

Abba's Love, the recently transformed women's shelter ran by Cleveland County Rescue Mission in Shelby is currently seeking **new women's and children's pajamas** (all sizes are needed). A lot of times when women and children flee to seek shelter, they often do not bring any belongings. These PJ's will be the first thing that they will change into after getting a shower to enter the shelter. Please bring your donations and put in the collection bin in the CAC hallway. Any questions, please see Debbie Greene.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Please consider donating these items directly to the Blessing Box located outside of our church. With your help, the box will be continuously stocked and will help serve so many in our community.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(12/20) 9:00a Service.....53

Operating Fund

Contributions 12/20 \$ 2,648.15
Contributions YTD \$ 416,581.22

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 12/20 \$ 0.00
Contributions YTD \$ 3,818.00

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Sara Griffin; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Doris Sweeting; Ruth Wilson, Betty Masters.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army (Deployed); LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Fort Campbell); Skyler Rhea—Army (Saudi Arabia).

Praises: Birth of Bexley Cate Bridges daughter of Ramey & Matt Bridges, granddaughter of Faye & Clyde Kerns; great granddaughter of Peggy Ramey on 11/20/20; Birth of Klayton Selleck, son of Vincent and Tehani Selleck; grandson of Melissa & Gene Bragg on 12/9/20.

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Tom Bennett 11.4.20; MaryWade Smith 12.16.20.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Cristi Boyd 9.30.19; Diane Larose 10.7.19; Crystal Braswell 10.16.19; Faye Pettrey; (Suffered from a fall).

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 224

1., 2., 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
 voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss: News, news!
 voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!

Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and ass be -
 Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened
 Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 heav - en's door, and ye are blest for - ev - er - more.
 calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

WORDS: 14th cent. Latin; trans. by John Mason Neale, 1855
 MUSIC: German melody; harm. by Gary Alan Smith, 1988

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored;
 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

“Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 late in time be - hold him come,
 Light and life to all he brings,

God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”
 off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise,
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see;
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by,

join the tri - umph of the skies;
 hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 born that we no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim,
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
 born to raise us from the earth,

“Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to give us sec - ond birth.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1734; alt. by George Whitefield, 1753, and others (Lk. 2:8-14) MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

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