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Poinsettias can be taken home following this worship service.

Please note: The Worship Service for January 1, 2012 will be at 11:00 am. Sunday School will be at the discretion of each class.



CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

5:00 PM

December 24, 2011

*indicates to stand if you are able

ENTRANCE

Welcome! We delight in your presence at worship. Let us open ourselves to the presence of God, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. If you are visiting with us tonight, please take a moment to jot down your name, address and phone number on one of the registration forms.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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(1) 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;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(3) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(2) True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(4) See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

[NOTE: On this night the lighting of the four Advent candles and the center white Christ candle takes place in the service during the reading of the Gospel lesson. Just prior to the reading, light the four Advent candles.]

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

[Light the Christ candle.]

The Ponder Family

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us. " So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (Luke 2:1-20)

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

*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 rose 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!*

***means (universal)*

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The Peace of Christ Be With You.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

PRAISE, PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS

THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

Susan Maxey

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SERMON

“Who Invited the Shepherds?”

Rev. Reagin Brown

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PARDON

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

DECLARATION AND PARDON

Pastor: Hear the Good News! By the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary has conceived a child, he shall be called Jesus. He will save his people from their sins. Let us believe the Good News! In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen!

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago, so on the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in our ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC

David Busby

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The acolytes will light their candles from the minister’s candle. They then will light the candle of the worshippers nearest the center aisle; then they will turn and light the candle of their neighbors, until all candles are lighted.

CLOSING HYMN

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!

(1) 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.

(2) 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!

(3) 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.

(4) Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Joy to the World,

People: The Lord is Come!

Pastor: Joy to the World,

People: The Savior Reigns!

Pastor: Go forth in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Rev. Reagin Brown

Please extinguish your candle

***POSTLUDE**