



A Celebration of Our Savior's Birth

December 24, 2016

Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

“O Come, Little Children”
Bells Te Deum

arr. Charles Maag

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN NO. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God, Creator of the universe, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, to bring love and grace to a sinful world. A new world started with the birth of a baby. We celebrate the birth and ask that you continue to prepare our hearts and homes to welcome and serve our Savior. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

HYMN NO. 40

Joy to the World!

OFFERING

HYMN NO. 60

Silent Night, Holy Night

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Following each petition, God's people respond:

Leader: Loving God,
People: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 2:1-20
Matthew 2:1-12

RETELLING THE STORY

HYMN NO. 25

Away in a Manager

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN NO. 29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*POSTLUDE

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Pastor: Preston Shealy
Choir Director: Brady Brennan
Organist: Mary Ann Stephens
Elders: Grace Parks and Debbie Shealy

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We appreciate your support of the special Christmas Joy Offering this evening. This offering supports the development of the future racial ethnic leadership of our church through Presbyterian-related schools and colleges and aids church workers and their families in times of need.

Saturday, December 24th

Traditional Candlelight Lessons and Carols service with Communion at 8:00 PM.

Sunday, December 25th

Please join us at 10:00 AM for our casual com-as-you-are worship service on Christmas Day.

Sunday, January 1st

Please join us at 10:00 AM for our worship service on New Year's Day.

Our Regular Worship Schedule Resumes on Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:00 am ~ Worship Service in the Chapel

10:00 am ~ Christian Education Classes for All Ages

11:15 am ~ Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Please join us for worship and Sunday school in the New Year! All are welcome!