



A TABERNACLE UNITED

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

for the glory of God * for the proclamation of the gospel * for the service of humanity

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

GATHERING AND GREETING

GATHERING MUSIC (led by ALIVE Band) *Angels We Have Heard on High* (omit v. 4) Hymnal #238

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this time of worship! We invite you to record your presence on the pew pad found at the end of each pew. When all have registered, please return it so we may greet each other by name at the opening and close of the service.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE *Light Has Come* TUMC Trio
(Use this quiet time to prepare your heart for the worship of Almighty God.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Ed and Jennifer, Lily & Isley Morrow

Wreath Lighter: *We light this candle as a symbol of God's love for the world in giving his only Son to be our savior. May the word that became flesh lead us to the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

*OPENING PRAYER *(Please join us as we pray in unison)*

Almighty God, by the grace of your coming, you have brought the light of your presence into our darkened world. Continue to shine the brightness of your love upon us, that we may live in your joy, and devote ourselves to your Kingdom, at all times and in all ways, as we praise you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *The First Noel* Hymnal #245

A TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A TIME OF JOYFUL CELEBRATION AND GIVING

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Caleb Brinkley

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

TIME WITH GOD'S YOUNGEST CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Joy to the World with Unspeakable Joy* ALIVE Band & Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-14 pew Bible, pp. 889

PROCLAMATION *THE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS: THE WORD*

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Holy Night* Richard Dunn

SENT FORTH, READY TO SERVE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Joy to the World* Hymnal #246

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

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Pastor: Rev. John Woods

Children's Minister: Kimberly Cripps

Youth Minister: Savanah Aldridge

Minister of Music: Carla Ely

Pianist: Antonela Frashëri

Worship & Sound Leader: Richard Dunn II

Financial Secretary: Joyce Sosnowski

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WELCOME TO TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY! If you need a minister, or are searching for a church home, please speak with those around you or call the church office and ask for our pastor, John Woods.

CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT TO US! *Childcare for infants through 5 yr. old is available in our Nursery located in the Children's Education Wing. This ministry is available during Sunday School and both Worship Services, and is led by specially trained and vetted caregivers who provide age-appropriate lessons, Bible time & prayer.*

SERVANT-MINISTERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

ACOLYTES: Charlotte Stewart, Bailey Dunn

SOUND: Brian Williamson

OFFERING COUNTERS: Gaynell Faulk

CD DELIVERY: Anne Lambert

HOSPITALITY/GREETERS: 10:30 John Bradley, Steve Redmon, Pete & Brenda Stephens, Jay Gordon, Kay Kiger, Bruce & Dee Wolff

WE WELCOME CALEB BRINKLEY TO OUR SERVICE TODAY. *Son of Mel & Rhonda Brinkley, Caleb began playing saxophone at age 11. After graduating from SE Guilford High School, he received his Bachelors in Music Education and Jazz Performance from UNCG, and has since used his skills serving in the United States Air Force Band. This past year, stationed at Ramstein AFB Germany, Caleb toured 13 countries in Europe and Africa. Caleb enjoys using his musical skills to serve the Lord and seeing others blessed along the way.*

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THESE CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Carolyn Allred, Ed Barber, Katie Berrier, Edd Bigham, Diane Boit, Sarah Jane Bowers, Rosie Brien, Averi Burke, Gail Causey, Mary Claiborne, Sam Clapp, Carolyn Cox, Amy Cruthis, Red Dunlap, Carol Dyson, Brookie Eddinger, Lisa Faulkner, Milton Ferguson, Pat Ferrell, Lacy Fogleman, Al Gill, Sandra Greeson, Paige Hedrick, Don Helms, Jim & Ann Helms, Susan & Matt Henney, Herb Jones, Jennie Jones, Anna Karavally, Susan King, Carrol Knight, Linda Lambe, Caitlin Little, Carol McGuire, Edwin Mirise, Gail Muller, Tressie Nelson, Rasheda Noel, Cookie Sheffield, Jewel Shephard, Ron Straughn, Bethany Wilson, Richie Winquist, Ralph Worley, Buffy Youngs, Kelly Younts

MISSIONARIES: Gary Locklear (*Lumberton, NC*), Sandra Raasch (*Honduras*), Kenya Partners, Alger & Joyce Morris (*Cambodia*)

MILITARY: Luke Rebertus, Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods, Conner Worthington

SHUT-INS: Irene Blake, Bob & Mary Claiborne (Friend's Home West, #5102), Bill Early (Abbottswood, #B-315), Nancy Fisher (Abbottswood, #C-306), Martha Love (Brooksdale Northwest, #9), Meralyn Meadows (The Laurels, #E-201), Vernon & Jean Penry (Abbottswood, #A-216), Julia Sosnowski (Morningview), Sandra Greeson (Clapp's, #303-B), Betty Varner (Abbottswood, # C-124), Frances Whitt

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS GIVEN THIS WEEK

In Honor of **Brad Ehrhardt, Dan Cockman, and Jay Gordon**
By Pete & Brenda Stephens for the Christian Life Center

In Honor of **Matt Koonts**
By Dean, Sandra, Chelsea & Brandon Kiger for the Christian Life Center

In Honor of **Frank & Diana Hairr**...Merry Christmas!
By Chris, Emily, Mary Elizabeth and Sarah Hendricks for Guatemala Mission Trip

In Honor of **Carla Ely and the Tabernacle Choir**
By Doris Sizemore for the Budget

In Loving Memory of **Charlie, Neal and Paul Sizemore**
By Doris Sizemore for the Budget

In Loving Memory of **Sue Sosnowski and Richard Cox**
By Kathy Cox for the Advent Fund