



O Come Let Us Adore Him  
*Christ the Lord*

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

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## GATHERING AND GREETING

### WELCOME

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

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Chancel Bells*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (3 purple & 1 pink candle)

9:00 – Roger & Cheryl Kendrick and family

11:00 – Larry & Sherry Proctor

Wreath Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of joy at the coming of Christ. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, lift our hearts in the hope of our salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

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

**Almighty God, by the grace of your coming, enlighten our darkened minds. Shine the brightness of your love upon us, that we may find joy in you always and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymnal #238

## A TIME OF PRAYER AND JOYFUL GIVING

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*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!*

**A TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS**

# *Sing Christmas!*

*A Christmas Musical Composed and Arranged by Joel Raney & Mary McDonald  
Orchestrated by Michael Lawrence*

## SUITE I — Sing Joy!

Sing Joy! Overture

Under score 1 (*Sing Joy!*)

Joy of Longing Hearts

## SUITE II — Sing Noel!

Sing Noel Introduction

Sing Noel!

Tell Out, My Soul

*(Rhonda Branson and Richard Dunn, soloists)*

## SUITE III — Sing Emmanuel!

Sing Emmanuel Introduction

Sing Emmanuel! Christ Is Born

Emmanuel! God with Us!

## SUITE IV — Sing Gloria!

Sing Gloria Introduction

Sing Gloria!

Glory to the Newborn King

## Sing Christmas (Reprise)

**\*CONGREGATIONAL DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

# WELCOME TO TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!** We're glad you're here. If you need a minister, or are searching for a church home, please speak with those around you or ask for our pastor, John Woods.

**A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS THROUGH 5 YRS. OLD.** *It's located in the Children's Wing and is available during Sunday School and both Worship Services. Our nursery is led by specially trained and vetted caregivers who will give exceptional attention for your child.*

**CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD AND US!** *It's vital for them to join us as we worship Jesus. To help, WORSHIP DETECTIVE KITS are available at the front entrance. Please return the bags to the stand after worship.*

## SERVANT-MINISTERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**ACOLYTES:** Isley Morrow, Lily Morrow

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Gaynell Faulk, Annette Heath

**HOSPITALITY:** 9:00 John Bradley, Steve Redmon

**SOUND:** Pete Cox

**CD DELIVERY:** Kay Kiger

11:00 Kay Kiger

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

Allix Bjurstrom, Irene Blake, Averil Burke, Gail Causey, Bill Christopher, Jimmy Collins, Carolyn Cox, Joyce Ensley, Lacy Fogleman, Pat Foley, Dale Giddens, Lee Gilley, Sandra Greeson, Don Helms, Jimmy Horney, Jane Lackey, Phyllis Love, Mack Jefferson, Herb Jones, Karen Kirkman, Allyson Josey, Brian Lamonds & Family, Caitlin Little, Shelia May, Daniel Miller, Mary Morrell, Reagan Phillips, Scott Redmon, Mary Reynolds, Haley Ross, Marsha Sarvis, Jewel Shepard, Glen Shephard, Zach Sinkule, Doris Sizemore, Nancy Steelman, Jesse Stewart, Jeremy Timmone, Scottie Willis, Melissa Wood, Ralph Worley, Dennis Wyrick, Margaret Yarborough, Tommy Younts

**PRAYER REQUESTS ADDED THIS WEEK:** Ben Fields (under hospice care)

**MISSIONARIES:** Sandra Raasch (*Honduras*), Alger & Joyce Morris (*Cambodia*)

**MILITARY:** Jason "Caesar" Wolff, Joel Woods, Conner Worthington

**SHUT-INS:** Irene Blake, Mary Claiborne (Friend's Home West, #5102), Bill Early (Abbottswood, #B-315), Ben Fields (Clapp's Assisted, #312), Nancy Fisher (Abbottswood, #C-306), Bill Jones (1227 Ritters Lake Rd, Greensboro), Martha Love (Brighton Gardens, #260), Meralyn Meadows (The Laurels, #E-201), Vernon & Jean Penry (Abbottswood, #A-216), Sandra Greeson (Clapp's Nursing, #303-B), Betty Varner (Abbottswood, # C-124), Frances Whitt

## **A NOTE ABOUT THE CRÈCHE**

***The large crèche on the sanctuary altar has been placed in loving memory of Renie Ledwell-Jefferson, who was instrumental in realizing the vision for having such a focal point at Tabernacle during Advent.***



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**Financial Secretary:** Joyce Sosnowski

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