

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Hymn 41, v. 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!

POSTLUDE

Rejoice always
Pray without ceasing
In everything *give thanks.*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- ◆ Our brothers and sisters in Christ suffering from the affects of the hurricanes
- ◆ The Presbytery of the Mid-South and Presbyterian Church (USA)
- ◆ Mission Workers:
 - The Plath Family and their missionary work in Rexburg, Idaho
 - Robert Gamble and his missionary work with "This Child Here"
 - Andrew & Caroline Toney-Noland and their mission work in Nepal (Alisa Free)
- ◆ Our country and its leaders
- ◆ Men and women of the armed forces including: Will Locastro, Michael Foster, Daniel Hewitt, Blake Merr, Bryson Ballard, Jeff Cross & Family
- ◆ Graduate & Undergraduate Students: Ava Jett, Griffin Jett, Allison Kerr, Madeline Lunsford, Ethan Wright
- ◆ The Residents of Village of Paijuiles
- ◆ The Children & Youth of Our Church
- ◆ Mary Ann Harris
- ◆ Ben Brownlee (Friend of Jim Wilcox)
- ◆ Tanika Obeysekere (Friend of Cari Barney)
- ◆ Billy Staggs
- ◆ Cathy Church
- ◆ Mary Ann Epperson
- ◆ Lucy McDonald
- ◆ Jessica Ballard (Alisa Free)
- ◆ Karen Ermeling (Suzi Arant's aunt)
- ◆ Lucy Talbott
- ◆ Dotty Coulson
- ◆ Ruby Mears
- ◆ Jo Hall
- ◆ Mary Jane Ireland
- ◆ Ron Drewry
- ◆ Polly Crum (Cody Wolfe's grandmother)
- ◆ Chris Barkley
- ◆ Carl Epperson
- ◆ The Family of Melanye Lunsford
- ◆ Jean Tiffin (Joy Sutherland's mother)
- ◆ Debbie Ryner (Jim Barkley)
- ◆ 4Linda Gordon (Kate Watkins' step-sister)
- ◆ 4Aria Danielle Scott (Suzi Arant)
- ◆ 4Margaret Hewitt (Karen Wimpee's mother)
- ◆ 4The Family of Betty Carol Elkins (Friend of Mary Ann Epperson)

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COLLIERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



walking humbly
with **God...**
together.

Welcome! We are truly glad that you are here today! We hope that you will experience the love and presence of God today as we seek to glorify God and live as His faithful disciples. If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests and hope that you will feel at home and a part of our family of faith. Feel free to be yourself, a beloved child of God.

Rev. Mark Wright
Pastor

Kinsey Moline
Music Director

Renée Murray
Accompanist

Fourth Sunday of Advent



December 24, 2017

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY • 10:30 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 24, 2017

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*Unison*)

Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendor of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world. Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and he Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT "Love Came Down at Christmas"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) From **Luke 1: 46-55**

Leader: With blessed Mary, the mother of Jesus, let us praise our saving God:

People: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Leader: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Leader: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

All: According to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." We will worship Him.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 12 "People, Look East"

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE *Mike and Dotty Coulson*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

SPECIAL MUSIC **Sonata Second Movement** (*Mozart*) *Cora Haslett, piano*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Works of darkness encumber and distract us. Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambitions rooted in selfish desires—they command our attention. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct.

We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming, that we may watch for you with confidence and joy.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Sung by all*) "Gloria Patria"

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*THE DOXOLOGY (*Sung by all*) "Old Hundredth"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7 (*NT p. 58*)

SERMON

"Is There Room?"

Rev. Mark Wright

MEDITATIVE SILENCE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Isaiah and Olivia Jackson, violin

*HYMN 25

"Away in a Manger"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*In unison*) **The Apostles' Creed**

(Located on inside, back cover of the hymnal. Alternate Text: Holy Spirit to be spoken where Holy Ghost would be spoken.)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

(Located on inside, back cover of the hymnal. Alternate Text: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.)

GOING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 28

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

**Please stand if able.*