

The Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2010
The season of anticipation until Christmas Day

PRELUDE "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" Rouse/Kirkland

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Edd Spencer

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "One Candle Is Lit" Chalice Hymnal No. 128
Vs. 1,2,& 3

CHANCEL CHOIR PROCESSIONAL

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Barry & Susan Storer

Leader: Our first Advent Candle is the candle of Hope.
People: It reminds us that there is an end, a beautiful ending toward which God is pulling us.

Leader: Our second Advent Candle is the candle of Peace.
People: It reminds us that Christ is the Prince of Peace and we are to follow His example.

Leader: Our third Advent Candle is the candle of Joy.
People: It reminds us that Christ is a sign of the Joy we experience in God's presence.

Leader: Today we light the candle of Hope, the candle of Peace, and the candle of Joy.

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI**
(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Edd Spencer
Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder. (An experiential worship experience for children which meets in our library).

PRESENTATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Edd Spencer
Special Music Offering "All Is Calm All Is Bright" Rouse/Kirkland
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication** Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Chalice Hymnal No. 160
Invitation to Communion Libby Carpenter
Prayer of Communion Hugh Henderson

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC "In a Moment" Rouse/Kirkland

ELDER: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

CONGREGATION: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

"O HOLY NIGHT"
Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith

"Come Adore Him Medley" Chancel Choir

Scene I: Isaiah: Edd Spencer, Jeremiah: Michael Watts

"Emmanuel" Hugh Henderson, Bass
Barry Storer, Tenor
David Brasher, Tenor

Scene II: Jeremiah, Isaiah

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Kathy Mann, Mezzo Soprano
Jim Langley, Bass

Scene III: Gabriel: James Cason, Isaiah, Jeremiah

"Be It Unto Me" Emily Jackson, Mezzo Soprano

Scene IV: Mary: Katherine Mee, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Gabriel

"Joseph" Gary Franklin, Bass

Scene V: Joseph: Andrew Ford, Mary, Isaiah

"O Holy Night" Libby Carpenter, Alto

Scene VI: Gabriel, Shepherd: Mary Pat Spencer

"The One" Libby Carpenter, Alto
Twila Tyree, Soprano

Wanda Davis, Alto
Donni Garrison, Soprano

Hugh Henderson, Bass
David Brasher, Tenor
Barry Storer, Tenor

Scene VII: Shepherd, Mary, Wise Man: Jerry Wallace, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Joseph

"The Manger Worship Medley"

Aneda Chandler, Soprano
Barry Storer, Tenor
Wanda Davis, Alto

Scene VIII: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Shepherd, Wise Man

"Come Adore Him"

Kathy Mann, Mezzo Soprano
Wanda Davis, Alto

INVITATION and BENEDICTION

Edd Spencer

RECESSIONAL

"The One"

***POSTLUDE**

"O Holy Night"

***Those who are able, please stand.**

CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS

Back Row Left to Right:

*Steve Pasky, David Brasher, Barry Storer, George Dudley, Charlie Giles,
Aneda Chandler, Carolyn Goodall, Donnie Garrison, Deb Carpenter,
Susan Storer*

2nd Row Left to Right:

*David Hamilton, Mack Carpenter, Gary Franklin, Don Wurner,
Twila Tyree, Connie Tabb, Emily Jackson, Olivia Wurner,
Wanda Davis*

1st Row Left to Right:

Jim Langley, Hugh Henderson, John Tabb, Judy Dudley, Libby Carpenter, Cristi Watts Fox, Kathy Mann, Rita Wallace, Linda Hamilton

Special Thanks to Sound Technician Bill Watts

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

GOD BLESS YOU CHOIR AND ACTORS – Our gratitude is expressed today to all those involved in the Christmas Cantata “O Holy Night”. God bless you in your commitment of time and talents in praising God in music and drama. We are blessed to have you share God’s Word.

GIVING FOR GOD’S WORK – There is a wonderful story of a man who once stood before God, his heart breaking from the pain and injustices in the world. “I don’t understand” the man said to God, “Just look at all the suffering, the anguish and distress in the world. Why don’t You send help?” “I did,” responded God. “I sent you.” Indeed, God has a purpose for our lives. We should use whatever gifts God has given us to serve others, including our financial gifts. He is depending on us. During this final week of our commitment appeal may we all join together as a church family and make our commitment to the Lord for 2011. If you have not shared your commitment card, please do so today. Commitment cards and envelopes are available on the pedestal in the narthex. Please complete your commitment card and leave it in the offering tray on the table in the church office. We will dedicate our Commitment to the Lord in worship next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICES - On Christmas Eve we will have two worship services to celebrate the birth of Christ. The first service is at 7:00 pm. It will be a contemporary service that will be family and child friendly. Our Kids Praise group will share a cute children’s Christmas musical entitled “Aaron, The Allergic Shepherd” at the 7:00 pm service. They are excited to be able to present this as the Christmas Eve meditation this year. It tells the story of a little shepherd boy allergic to sheep and the lesson he learned on that special night so long ago when Emmanuel came to dwell among us. The kids are having a fun time getting ready for this Christmas Eve service; so come out and support them as we all worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the eve of His birth. The second service will be a traditional service at 11:00 pm. This service will be more formal with a sermon and will be by candlelight. Both services will have the worshippers walking forward to receive Communion. Also, they will both end with the congregation singing “Silent Night” by candlelight. The nursery will be open for both services.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - The Christmas Poinsettia list is in the narthex. The cost of the poinsettias this year is \$17.00. Please sign up and select a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Virginia Powell, given by her Family

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Libby Carpenter & Hugh Henderson
SERVING DIACONATE: Gary Taylor, Dan Alderson, Conlee Alderson, Linda Byrd, Jose’ Carreras, Nick Cotruvo, Paulette Farquhar, Russ Favorite, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Connie Tabb, Art Varvoutis, Regena Varvoutis, Ginny White

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: *The Shepherds Show the Way (Advent III)*

STORYTELLERS: Julie Henderson

GREETERS: Emily Fowler & June Pryor

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETER: Andrew Ford; WORSHIP TABLE GREETER: Ruth Ann Steele

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, December 12

9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am Fellowship Moments
10:15 am Worship Service – Christmas Cantata
10:30 am Children’s Worship and Wonder
11:15 am Chi Rho & CYF Shopping
3:00 pm Pastor’s Class
3:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
5:00 pm Younger Youth Groups Only
6:15 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY, December 13

7:00 am Men’s Bible Study on the Christmas Story
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Elders Christmas Party at Clarissa Harms

TUESDAY, December 14

9:45 am The Adventure Nook Chapel
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm Finance Council

WEDNESDAY, December 15

6:30 pm Music Department’s Christmas Party
At Jan Watts’

THURSDAY, December 16

7:00 pm Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study

FRIDAY, December 17

6:30 pm Busy Believer’s Christmas Party
At the Williamsons’