

The Worship of God

Words of Welcome Stephen Clyborne

Prelude *Away in a Manger* Katherine Booker

Call to Worship Stephen Clyborne
(Genesis 1:1, 3; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 9:2; John 1:1, 4-5; 1 John 1:5; John 8:12)

Leader: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep . . .

People: Then God said, “Let there be light.” And there was light.

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark to God; the night is as bright as the day.

People: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness - - on them a light has shined.

Leader: In the beginning was the word. And the word was with God and the word was God . . .

People: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

People: This is the message we have heard from Him . . . that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.

All: The light of the world is Jesus. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle.....Aiden Selfridge
The Light of the World Is Jesus

Invocation Stephen Clyborne

*Hymn 262 *Away in a Manger* Congregation

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 Stephen Clyborne
(Page 889, Pew Bible)

Musical Interlude *The Coventry Carol* Katherine Booker

Message “’Tis the Season for a Reason” Stephen Clyborne

Solo *O Holy Night* Stephen Clyborne

Invitation to the Table.....Stephen Clyborne

Communion Prayer.....Stephen Clyborne

Service of The Lord’s Supper.....Tom DeVenny and Steve Hearne

Sharing the Light of Christ..... Stephen Clyborne
O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Hymn *Silent Night! Holy Night!* Congregation

**Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night. Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels, let us sing alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

Benediction.....Stephen Clyborne

Postlude *Come, All Ye Shepherds* Katherine Booker

*Congregation please stand

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tomorrow and Tuesday, December 25-26. Merry Christmas!
Monday-Tuesday, January 1-2. Happy New Year!

NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

This Wednesday, December 27

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday morning at 10:00
Childrens Class - First floor of main building
Multi-generational class - First floor of Morgan Building

CHRISTMASTIDE

Next Sunday, December 31 at 11 am
Sermon: "Home by Another Way" (Matthew 2:1-12)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

- **Senior Adult Lunch Gathering** - Tuesday, January 16 at 11 am in the Morgan Building. Guest musicians: Butch and Debbie Blume. Guest musicians: Butch Blume, vocalist and guitarist, and Debbie Blume, pianist, presenting a wonderful mix of hymn arrangements, American standards, gospel music, comedy songs, and maybe a tune or two from the seventies. Catered meal: \$9 per person. Menu: Baked spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, dessert, coffee, and tea. Make your reservation by paying in advance through the church office.
- **One-day Joint Senior Adult Retreat** - Thursday, February 1 from 10 am until 2 pm at Earle Street Baptist Church with the senior adults from Earle Street and Parisview Baptist Churches. Catered meal: \$7 per person. Make your reservation by paying in advance through the church office. The van will leave our church parking lot at 9:15, or you can meet everyone at Earle Street at 10.

**NEW TIME FOR WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER MEETING
BEGINNING JANUARY 3 - 6:30 PM**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:00 PM