

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 13, 2009

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad you have joined us in worship and fellowship today.

If you are a guest, please include your address and telephone number on the registration pad.

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

Emmanuel/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. by J. Raney
Kena King, Worship Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP *Jesus Came* Near

OPENING PRAYER Leader: The Lord is with you.
People: **And also with you.**

***HYMN # 238** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Apostles' Creed"
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA**
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY
8:30 a.m. Victoria Woodling
11:00 a.m. Kim and Dennis Templin

CHORAL RESPONSE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Shepherd Pipe* Martin

***DOXOLOGY** OLD 100TH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME *Away in a Manger* AWAY IN A MANGER
*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

Children through 2nd grade are invited forward.
Following Children's Time, children ages 3 - 5 exit to Children's Church, Room F-203

***HYMN # 240** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SOLO *Midnight Noel* Martin
Brad Leenerts, baritone

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:8-20 N.T. 58

SERMON "The Christmas Pageant" **Bill Burch**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP
Those wishing to join the church are invited forward on the last stanza of the hymn.

***HYMN # 219** *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

***BENEDICTION**

***GOING FORTH** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!*

***EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE** *Good Christians All Rejoice* Held

*Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers at the altar today are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Millie Holland by Spright and Jannifer Holland, and Lana Carlson.*

Children are an important part of our church family. Nurseries for infants and toddlers are located on the second floor of the Family Life Center. Pagers are available for anxious parents. Children's Bulletins are available from the ushers.

Advent Video Devotionals

This season of Advent we will offer weekly video devotions given by members of our staff. Each week a new devotion will be viewable online at www.samjonesumc.org. Copies will also be available each week in the lobbies of the Family Life Center and Sanctuary for those who are not able to view them online. Special thanks to Bernie Fuller, Susie Fuller, and Ray Thacker in creating the devotions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 16, 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join your church family for the final Wednesday Night Dinner of 2009 and enjoy a program of music by our children.

Living Nativity

December 19 – 24, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the Youth House Lawn

Experience the living Nativity as the story of the first Christmas is presented "live" each evening. Congregation members of all ages are volunteering for this project. Contact Steve Landrum, 770-313-8282, stevell146@comcast.net, if you wish to participate in any way.

The Music Ministry of Sam Jones presents

A Service of Carols

We Wait in Hope

Sunday, December 20, at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The entire congregation is invited to this musical offering for this most Holy of seasons.

9:45 a.m. Celebration Service

"A Christmas Story"

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

More casual simulcast at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

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