

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Willcocks

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.



Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.

Elder on call: Mardee Rightmyer 404.455.3832

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Ushers: Ann Benson, Brenda Fishpaw, Sandy and Todd Jones

Coffee and Conversation Hosts: Mary Leight and Bart Ingram

Greeters: James Beasley, Austin Davis, Gail Kitchens, Cindy Humphries

Counters: Mardee Rightmyer, Lysley Tyler

Infant Volunteer: Nancy Crow

Two's Volunteer: Mary Beth Christopher

Three's Volunteers: Jo and Michelle Jenkins

Pre-K Volunteers: Tara and Randy Parrish

K-1 Volunteers: Leslie and Don Grant

Grades 2-3 Volunteers: Joe and Ann Brady

Fellowship: Worship Committee

Staff

- Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor
- Christopher HenryAssociate Pastor
- Robert Gray.....Assistant to the Minister
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda SandkamProgram Director
- Sarah Tomaka.....Preschool Director
- Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
- Marcy Meredith.....Music Administrator
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
- Ann Benson.....Office Assistant

WORSHIP DECEMBER 13, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

Our preparation for worship is as follows: Before the prelude begins, the liturgist for the morning will greet the congregation from the lectern, saying "The Lord be with you." The people will respond, "And also with you." At this point, the prelude will begin. After the prelude, the chimes will be sounded, and the call to worship will take place, followed by the processional hymn. Our goal is to make the sanctuary as worshipful as possible as the congregation gathers to honor God's holy name.

THE GATHERING

Joanna Adams

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE *Shepherds' March (Song of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ)* Charpentier

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland

Unison Prayer:

God our Good Shepherd, empower our lives to be filled with love, that in loving others we might bear witness to your love for us. We give you thanks for this time of waiting and preparation, this time of love. Amen.

*** THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

** (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
Unto whom all hearts are open,
All desires known and from whom no secrets are hid;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 23)

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 208; Pre-K in 011; K - 1st grade in 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in 003; 4th - 6th grade in 005.)*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE OFFERTORY

Ave Maria

Bach-Gounod

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE MUSICAL OFFERING "Great Music of Christmas 2"

The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional English, arr. Parker/Shaw

Gloria Fili Unigenite (from *Gloria in D Major*)

Antonio Vivaldi

(sung in Latin)

Only begotten Son of God, Jesus Christ.

'Round the Glory Manger

Spiritual, arr. K. Lee Scott

Carolyn Kahl, guest soloist

They turn 'way Mary an'-a Joseph, 'way from the inn. An' that's what made the Glory Manger. An'-a Hallelujah, Lord! Wasn't that a bright mornin', all 'round the Glory Manger. They laid my pretty little Jesus down in the straw. An' all His pretty little fingers played in the straw, and that's what made the Glory Manger.

Gloria Patri (from *Magnificat*)

John Rutter

Tami Giusto, soloist

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. *Holy Mary, succour those in need, help the faint-hearted, support the weak and pray for the laity, assist the clergy, intercede for all the devout. May all feel the power of your help, whoever prays for your holy aid. Alleluia.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey

Jason Hardy, guest soloist

Christmas Day

Gustav Holst

Soloists - Carolyn Kahl, Andrew Sudduth, Stefanie Sudduth, Linda Rozakis, Peter Dickson, Gabriel Couret, Dana Kling, Tami Giusto, Marie Oemler, Nadeen Paul, Linda Suddoth

His Yoke Is Easy (from *Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

His yoke is easy, and his burthen is light. (Matthew 11:30)