

**\* THE HYMN 44**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*  
(from Christmas Oratorio)

Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation, bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house! Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful, on earth, rejoice in the face of the Lord, for He cometh. Alleluia.



**WORSHIP    DECEMBER 19, 2010**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

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*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: Leslie Prince 770.377.0027
- Deacon on call: Bradley Odom 404.386.3478
- Ushers: Brad Addicks, Jack and Jill Klotz, Juarlyn Gaiter
- Greeters: Bill and Sanda Means, Jane Stack, Browning Fergus
- Coffee and Conversation Host: Gail Kitchens
- Counters: Lynsley Tyler, Jill Davis
- Infant Volunteer: Andrea Arnold
- Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Frances Bresnahan
- Three, Four, and Five's Volunteers: Braxton and Amy Jarratt
- K-1st Grade Volunteers: Kerri and Thomas Markovic
- 2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Ward Howell
- Fellowship: Joann Bertrand and Sarah Beth & Tom Gehl

**Staff**

- Mary Miller Brueggemann.....Pastoral Assistant
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
- Sarah Tomaka..... Preschool Director
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
- J. Daniel Altman.....Music Administrator
- Ann Benson.....Office Assistant
- Randy Young.....Facilities Manager
- Gus Restrepo.....Sexton

**THE GATHERING**

Mary Miller Brueggemann

Leader:       The Lord be with you.  
People:       **And also with you.**

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff, organist

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Todd, Marlo, and Gabriel McDonald

**Unison Prayer:**

**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. Amen.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 11**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

*\*(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

Holy God, we confess that we are not prepared for the coming of your Son. We are afraid to trust the light that shines in the darkness or to believe the good news of the heavenly hosts. Forgive us for being distracted and dazzled by other lights that do not give life. Forgive us for overlooking you among the poor and outcast. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace. Come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel. 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 through five-year-olds in Room 011; K - 1st grade in Room 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in Room 003; 4th - 7th grade in Room 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 ANTHEM

*Sans Day Carol*

Cornish carol, arr. Rutter

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, and Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk: and Mary bore Jesus Christ our Savior for to be, and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, and Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, and Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all. Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red, then trust we our Savior, who rose from the dead.

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 1:18-25 (page 1 in the pew Bible)

### THE SERMON

*"There's Method in the Madness"*

Rev. Randy Calvo

*...Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:20b*

### \* THE HYMN 27

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

### \* 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### THE OFFERTORY

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Charles B. Romer

Peter Dickson, tenor

### \* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Hymn 592)