

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYERPastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIPPastor and Congregation

**Come, Emmanuel,
Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others;
Open our ears that we may hear their cries;
Open our hearts so that they need not be without comfort;
Open our eyes and ears and hearts
And give us courage
that we may be able to do some work of peace for you.
Come, Emmanuel, come.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Isaiah 63:7-9* Reggie Jackson

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior ⁹ in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

HYMN ... “The First Nowell” ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 124

*CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray you: in your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, giving thanks in all circumstances through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN... “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” 114

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *Matthew 2:13-23* Molly Abbott

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

ANTHEM... “Joyous Nowell to the World”.....Choir

SERMON Rev. Aaron Coyle-Carr

CLOSING HYMN ... “O Little Town of Bethlehem”...vs. 1, 3 and 4 107

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. Supper ... BREAKFAST

6:45 p.m. Children’s Programs and Bible Study

USHERS

TODAY Nancy Ruppert’s Team

NEXT SUNDAY Dwight Saunders’ Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY.....

NEXT SUNDAY

PRAYER LIST

Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill			Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter
			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Janie Rumbly	sister
				Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
				Mildred Hunsucker	friend
				Harold Johnson	brother
			Reggie Jackson	Marian Jackson	mother
			Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
				Bob Moore	nephew
				Pam Morgan	niece
			Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
			Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
				Beth Holt	friend
				Misty Morgan	friend
			Mabel Ann Luther	Melissa Nelson	grand-daught.
			Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
				Jo Brooks	friend
			Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
				Melissa Green	daughter
			Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
				Carol Luther	friend
				Polly King	friend
			Dave/Barb Buckland	Tammy Parker	friend
			Jane Covington	Jesse Wallace	friend
				June Spears	friend
				Marie Spoon	sister
			Tina Cripps	Laura Wilson	friend
			Tim and Tammy Dunn		
			Ernest , Karen Dailey		
			Garrett Gooch		
			Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart		