

EXPERIENCING

THE

Miracle

LOVE



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT MEMORIAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EXPERIENCING THE MIRACLE

LOVE

ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE WITH EXPECTATION

CALL TO SILENCE

Trinity Chimes

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High - McChesney The Praise Ringers
Bring a Torch - Wagner

GREETING AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Brad Smith

On behalf of The Memorial Baptist Church, we welcome all who visit with us today and invite you to join us again.
Please record your visit in the fellowship pad located on the pew.

† INTROIT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Abigail McPhail, Acolyte

ADVENT WREATH MEDITATION

We light this candle as a symbol of God's LOVE for us and our love for one another.

For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

INVOCATION

Dr. Walter Byrum

† CAROL 277

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Abbi Mullens

All children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message.

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Children through Kindergarten are excused for Extended Session in the children's wing, C 106.

Children in Grades 1-5 are invited to attend Junior Church in the Music Suite.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Smith

WE PRESENT OUR GIFTS TO GOD

† CAROL 273	<i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i>	IN DULCI JUBILO
† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		Mrs. Sherry Dendy
OFFERTORY	<i>God Rest Ye Merry</i> - Dobrinski	The Praise Ringers
† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 263	<i>What Can I Give Him?</i>	CASTLE
What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise-man I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.		

WE PROCLAIM WORDS OF LOVE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	<i>Luke 2:6-7</i>	Dr. Smith
Pew Bible, p. 1014 of the New Testament		
The word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God.		
CHORAL WORSHIP	<i>Would I Miss the Miracle?</i>	Joseph M. Martin
The Chancel Choir		
MESSAGE	<i>Imperfect Miracle</i>	Dr. Smith

RESPOND AND DEPART TO SHARE LOVE WITH OTHERS

INVITATION TO RESPOND		
† CAROL OF RESPONSE 284	<i>The Birthday of a King</i>	NEIDLINGER
SHARING OF DECISIONS		
† BENEDICTION		Dr. Smith
† POSTLUDE	<i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i>	arr. Don Phillips
Mrs. Fran Wilson and Mr. Jacob Montgomery		

† All who are able, please stand.

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Our Deacon of the Week (December 18 - December 24) is Sherry Dendy. We appreciate her leadership in worship today.

The quilt in the sanctuary today is for Darlene Riddle, friend of Diane Brady. Please say a prayer for Darlene as you tie a knot.

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service

7:00 pm

Christmas Day Service

10:00 am

Sunday School and Connect
will not meet.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, December 18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am—Connect

9:45 am—Sunday School

10:55 am—Traditional Worship

5:30 & 6:30 pm—Live Nativity

7:00 pm—Family Christmas Party

Monday, December 19

January Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 20

1:30—3:00 pm—Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 am—Knitting with Nat

4:00 pm—Youth meet at TMBC for
Christmas Party

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, December 22

12:30 pm—Sanctuary Prayer Café

Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

7:00 pm—Christmas Eve, Candlelight
Communion Service



End of Year Contributions

TMBC must comply with the IRS directive that requires all 2016 contributions to TMBC be given by December 31, 2016. If the donation is mailed, it must be postmarked by December 31, 2016. All money received after January 1, 2017 will be placed in our 2017 books. We appreciate your cooperation and ongoing financial support! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Caudle, financial assistant, at 252-756-5314 or finance@tmbc.org.

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