

December 15, 2019

# *What Child is This?*



## *The Child of Joy*

# The Church In Worship

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### REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		Three Bells
WELCOME AND CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. Andy Roby
PRELUDE	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> by Mendelssohn, arr. Kenneth D. Varner	Mr. Sandro Silva

### WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE CHILD OF JOY

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 125	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF JOY	<i>Isaiah 55:10-13</i>	The Jones Family Bryce, Kaitlyn, and Wyatt
CANDLELIGHTING SONG	<i>He Came Down</i> <i>He came down that we may have joy. He came down that we may have joy.</i> <i>He came down that we may have joy. Hallelujah forevermore!</i>	Cameroon Folk Hymn

### WITH THANKFUL HEARTS WE RESPOND IN GENEROSITY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Dr. Dale Newton
OFFERTORY	<i>One Small Child</i> arr. Mark Hayes <i>One small child in a land of a thousand; one small dream of a Savior tonight; one small hand reaching out to the starlight; one small Savior of life.</i>	Mrs. Fran Wilson
† DOXOLOGY	<i>We Give Him All the Glory</i> <i>We give Him all the glory, we give Him all the glory, we give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.</i> <i>For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.</i>	ADESTE FIDELES

### GOD'S WORD AND SPIRIT PROCLAIM JOY

MEDITATION ON THE CHILD OF JOY	<i>Repeat the Sounding Joy</i>	The Rice Family Robbie, Elizabeth, Laura, and John
HYMN 102	<i>Joy To The World (Stanza 2)</i> Children through Kindergarten are excused for Extended Session with Vickie Carden and Leslie Mayberry. Grades one through six are invited to attend Junior Church in the Music Suite.	ANTIOCH
PASTORAL PRAYER		Dr. Brad Smith
CHORAL ACCLAMATION OF JOY	<i>Calypso Carol</i> by M. Perry, arr. Joel Raney <i>See Him lying on a bed of straw, a drafty stable with an open door; Mary cradling the babe she bore, the Prince of Glory is His name</i>	Chancel Choir

*O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord of love again;  
just as poor as was the stable then the Prince of glory when He came.  
In Bethlehem hear the angels singing, "Gloria in excelsis Deo!"  
Carry me now to Bethlehem.*

*Star of silver, sweep across the skies, show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds swiftly from your stupor rise to see the Savior of the world.  
Angels sing again the song you sang, sing the glory of God's gracious plan.  
Sing that Beth'lem's little baby can be the Savior of us all.  
O now carry me to Bethlehem...*

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Acts 8:26-39**

Dr. Smith

Pew Bible, pp. 1086-1087 of the New Testament

The Word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

***Repeat the Sounding Joy***

Dr. Smith

## **WE RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE OF JOY**

*If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself to the Pastor during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship.  
If you have been baptized as a follower of Jesus, we will receive you based on your previous baptism. If you have not made a confession  
of faith, we invite you to do so and to present yourself for Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon  
their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service. The altar is open for those who wish to pray.*

† HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP 79

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

VENI EMMANUEL

SHARING OF DECISIONS

Dr. Smith

† SENDING OUT

Dr. Smith

† POSTLUDE

***Sing We Now of Christmas***

Mr. Silva

arr. Diane Bish

† All who are able, please stand.

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Our Deacon of the Week (December 15-21) is Dale Newton. We appreciate his leadership in worship today.

Our acolyte today is Sydney Carden, daughter of Chuck and Vickie Carden.

The Advent banner artwork was created by Lou Everett Core.

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**What I would like to remember from today...**

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## Coming Up This Week

### Sunday, December 15

- 9:15 am Fellowship Breakfast  
and Birthday Party  
for Jesus
- 10:55 am Worship, Junior  
Church
- 3:30 pm Christmas Caroling

### Tuesday, December 17

1:30—3:00 pm Food Pantry

### Wednesday, December 18

- 10:00 am Knitting with Nat
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 19

12:30 pm Sanctuary Prayer  
Café

### Sunday, December 22

9:45 am Sunday School

## CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST AND



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15  
9:15 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE  
BREAKFAST ITEM TO SHARE.**

A graphic with a teal background and white snowflakes. The text "CHRISTMAS CAROLING" is written in large, white, stylized, cursive capital letters.

Sunday, December 15  
3:30 pm  
75 to 80 Participants are Needed!



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