

What Child is This?



The Child of Love

The Church In Worship

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WORSHIP THE GOD OF WONDROUS LOVE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		Three Bells
WELCOME AND CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS		Dr. Brad Smith
PRELUDE	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i> arr. Mark Hayes	Mrs. Fran Wilson

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE CHILD OF LOVE

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 124	<i>The First Nowell</i>	THE FIRST NOWELL
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE	<i>Psalm 107:1-3</i>	Jimmy and Ann Bryant Matt, Shalina, Haiden and Grant Little Dan, Samantha and Dylan Whitehurst
CANDLELIGHTING SONG	<i>He Came Down</i> <i>He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love.</i> <i>He came down that we may have love. Hallelujah forevermore!</i>	Cameroon Folk Hymn

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS WE RESPOND IN GENEROSITY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Mrs. Sharon Lee
OFFERTORY	<i>Good Tidings Medley</i> arr. Susan Caudill	Mr. Sandro Silva
† 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 LOVE

THE CHILD OF LOVE: WONDERS OF HIS LOVE		The Wiltse Family Shaun, Lori, Keagan, and Caleb
HYMN 102	<i>Joy To The World (Stanza 4)</i> During the hymn, children through Kindergarten are excused for Extended Session Stephanie Bullock and Pattie Allen.	ANTIOCH
PASTORAL PRAYER		Dr. Roby
CHORAL ACCLAMATION OF FAITH	<i>Is He Worthy?</i> by A. Pearson and B. Shive, arr. Dan Forrest	Chancel Choir Dr. Smith and Mrs. Susan Nelson, soloists
	<i>Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.</i> <i>Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.</i> <i>But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.</i> <i>Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.</i>	

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is. Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave. He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy, is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:16-17 and 1 John 4:7-12

Dr. Smith

Pew Bible, pp. 1052 and 1209 of the New Testament

The Word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Wondrous Wonders of His Love

Dr. Smith

WE RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE OF LOVE

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 148

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GREENSLEEVES

SHARING OF DECISIONS

Dr. Smith

† SENDING OUT

Dr. Smith

† POSTLUDE

Christmas Fanfare

Mr. Silva

arr. Susan Caudill

† All who are able, please stand.

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Our Deacon of the Week (December 22-28) is Sharon Lee. We appreciate her leadership in worship today.

Our acolyte today is Ginny Graham, daughter of Chad and Kelly Graham.

The Advent banner artwork was created by Lou Everett Core.

String Quartet: Yulia Price, Michael Johnson, Michael Kinzie, Allison Connelly.

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What I would like to remember from today...

Coming Up This Week

Sunday, December 22

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 pm Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Communion Service

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

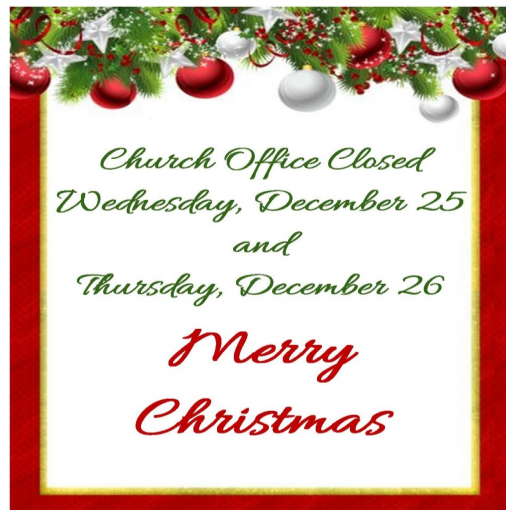
Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 29

9:45 am Sunday School

10:55 am Worship



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