

The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Christmas Eve • December 24, 2022 • 5:00 PM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

“[We] had turned from the contemplation of God above, and were looking for [God] in the opposite direction, down among created things and things of sense... The Word of God, in [God’s] great love, took to [Godself] a body and moved [among them], meeting their senses, so to speak, half way.”

- St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us” - John 1:14

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Many: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined!

One: This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

Many: This is the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Many: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen!

INVOCATION PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (ALL)

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.

HYMN No. 165

“Once in Royal David’s City”

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Hope - [Romans 13:11-12](#)

Hymn No. 148

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him, born the King of angels:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Peace - [Romans 15:5-7](#)

Hymn No. 148

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ADESTE FIDELES

Joy - [Isaiah 35:1-2](#)

Hymn No. 148

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ADESTE FIDELES

Love - [Matthew 1:22-23](#)

Hymn No. 148

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

ADESTE FIDELES

Christ Candle - [Isaiah 9:2, 6](#)

ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE

“Advent Doxology”
Words and Music Printed Below

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SCRIPTURE

[Luke 2:8-20](#)

Anita Laffoon

SERMON

“Adoration”
Touch

Anita Laffoon

HOLY COMMUNION

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE

“Gesù Bambino”
Hannah Polaski, Soprano

Yon

HYMN NO. 145

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

STILLE NACHT

SHARING THE LIGHT

Deacons will receive the light from the Christ Candle and pass it to the congregation as we sing “Silent Night.” Due to the winter weather, we will remain inside the fellowship hall.

Supporting reading at Ginter Park Elementary

Books for the Weekend Backpack Ministry students were given to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of loved ones by the following persons:

Paul & Keene Irwin in honor of our grandchildren, Emma Kate, Cooper, Jack, Parker & Charlie

Carole Bradley in memory of Nancy Bradley Williams

Nadene Eads in honor of Melvin Owen Swartzentruber

Nadene Eads In honor of Carrie Wortham

Gordon & Dixie Leathers in memory of Don Kelly

Gordon & Dixie Leathers in memory of Thurman Barnett

Gordon & Dixie Leathers in memory of J.W. Kelly & Tennie Kelly

Gordon & Dixie Leathers in memory of Dr. and Mrs.W.W. Leathers III

Nancy Williams In honor of Julia Oravetz & Will Betton

Ruth Caudill in honor of her son Bryan & his family

Ruth Caudill in honor of her son Cricket

Katherine Baucom & Alison Seger in honor of teachers

Don & Sandra Hack Polaski in honor of Pat Polaski

Jo Ellen & Harry Gaines

Raymond Cady in honor of Tracy Cady

Annie Campbell in memory of Johnny Pedigo

Annie Campbell in honor of teachers everywhere

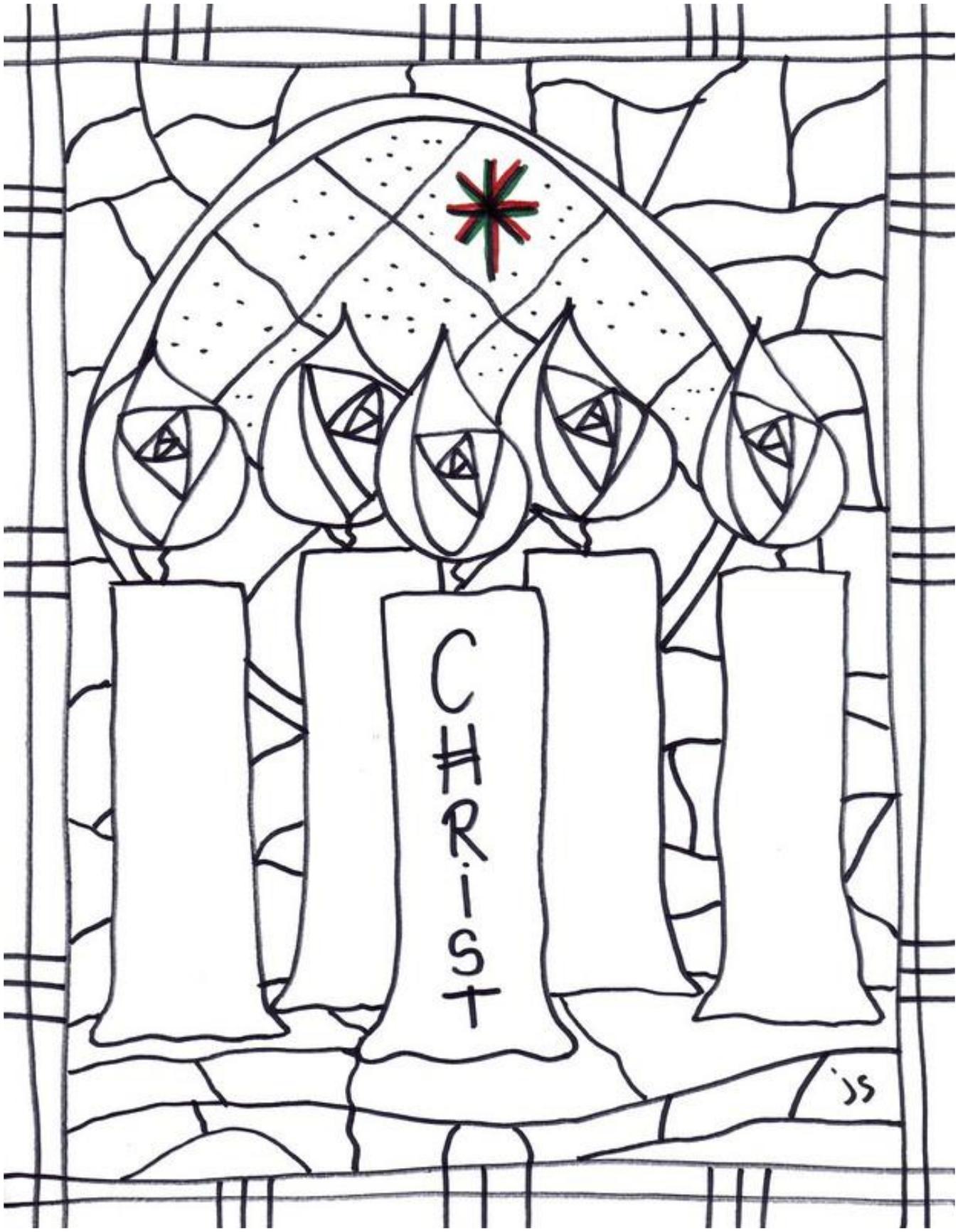
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Wendy & Steve Bowen in memory of Mildred Adams

Connie Bak in memory of the Very Rev. Boleslaw Bak & Marie Bak

Sheryl & Eric Johnson in memory of Warren Mitchell and Paul & Ruth Johnson

Ann Keller in memory of Ed Keller



C-T-R-I-S-T

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Hymn Texts

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Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

Christ came down to earth from heaven love incarnate for us all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew,
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
Thus he feels for our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless, lives and reigns in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Advent Doxology

(Once in Royal David's City)

R. G. Huff

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Henry J. Gauntlett

Unison

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, the new - born Son.

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er___ with us. Praise the God - head, Three in___ One.

Clear a path! Pre-prepare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

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“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night. Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ, the Savior, is born.