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Merry Christmas!
December 25, 2022
10:00 AM Worship

Merry Christmas! Welcome to the manger, which cradles the very Word made flesh.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: He's coming! He's coming! The Savior of the World is coming!

People: Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!

Leader: He comes to each one of us, healing and restoring our lives!

People: Praise be to God for God's mighty gift to us.

Leader: O Come, Prince of Peace, bring your light to us!

ALL: We are ready to receive you in our lives! AMEN.

Hymn – O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH 234, vv. 1-3, 6

Doxology

During Advent and Christmas, our Doxology text will be sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem – Carols Around (and a Round)

Today's anthem begins with the familiar Latin canon (also known as a "round"), Dona Nobis Pacem, which means "grant us peace." It then proceeds to incorporate four familiar Christmas carols. Mr. Nygard layers more and more melodies together in counterpoint, adding texture and depth.

Listen for The First Noel, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Away in a Manger, and even a tiny snippet of I Saw Three Ships. Because so much happens simultaneously, it's nearly impossible to write the text in a "linear" fashion here...but listen out for them and you'll surely enjoy this light and lovely anthem. Merry Christmas!

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Gospel Reading – John 1: 1-14

NRSV pew Bible, p. 86 (NT)

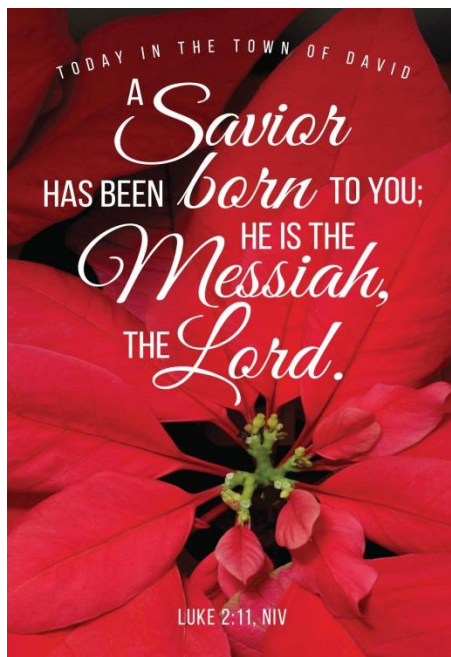
Message – Emmanuel: God With Us

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – Hark the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 246

Benediction



What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 12/25 *He is Born – Joy to the Lord!*
Mon, 12/26 *Office Closed**
Tues, 12/27 *Office Closed**
Thurs, 12/29 *Continuing Strummers, 6PM in Music Room*
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
Sunday, 1/1/23 *One Worship Service, 10AM in Carson Hall**
Youth Tik'Tok'n New Year's Party, 4-6PM in Montague Hall

Last Call for the Christmas Post Office: Don't forget to check the Post Office in the church lobby to see if you have holiday mail! Please remember we're accepting donations for those cards that will need to be mailed: just place contributions in the striped box.

***The church office will be closed Monday & Tuesday for our staff to enjoy time with their families.**

***New Year's Day worship:** We will have one worship service at 10AM on January 1. Please join us for a service of Lessons & Carols in Carson Hall. There will be no nursery or discipleship classes.

Life Line Screening is coming January 4: Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 at Saint James United Methodist Church of Raleigh. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered for only \$159 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 member discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6450, visit <https://llsa.social/HC> or text the word "circle" to 797979.

Remember to volunteer to work concessions at PNC Arena! We still have open dates on our schedule for NCSU basketball and Carolina Hurricanes hockey matches. To see the schedule and sign up, use the link <http://tinyurl.com/PNCVolunteers>.

Military Ministry donations still needed: We are still accepting books of Forever stamps and medium/large package envelopes. The collection box remains on the counter of the Welcome Center off the lobby. If you have updated names/ mailing addresses for military personnel, please email that info to theriqdas@yhoo.com and voverton1@gmail.com.

Bread Ministry location: We've officially moved the bread to the hallway counter behind Carson Hall on Sunday mornings. Please use gloves to take whatever you like, and leave your donations in the marked box on the counter. Thanks for supporting the Bread Ministry!