

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. J. Chris Michael

(Please sign your name & address in the red fellowship pad.)

Bringing of the Light

Parker Webb

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Scout Carroll

Prelude

Jig from St. Paul's Suite

Holst

Lighting of the Advent candle

Tres and Katie Sterett and Family

*Call to Worship

One: We enter this season of waiting by lighting the third candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

All: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

One: Uplifting God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to recognize your love all around us, and also see the potential to add to the love all around us – making our lives, our families, our communities, and our world a brighter place.

All: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

*Hymns

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1, 4)

155

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1, 3)

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

Interlude

Introduction from *Amahl and the Night Visitors*

Menotti

*Hymn

Joy to the World

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Michael

Choral Anthem

Cradle Hymn

Arneson

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Rev. Michael

Response

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily

Mary's Song, Our Song

Rev. Michael

Hymn of Affirmation

Silent Night, Holy Night

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Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Michael

Choral Offertory

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Forrest

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

*Dedication Prayer

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution

Rev. Michael

(All believers in Christ are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.)

Communion Hymn

The First Noel

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Angela Bruce

Communion Meditation

Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana*

Mascagni

Serving of the Bread and Cup (Partake as bread and cup are passed.)

Finale

Finale (*The Dargason*) from *St. Paul's Suite*

Holst

*Benediction

One: The Lord be with you.

Rev. Michael

All: And also with you.

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship following this Worship Service.

*Please stand if you are able. Please turn off electrical devices.

SERVING SCHEDULE

Elders: **Mike & Angela Bruce** Elder serving the hospital: **Kaye Farmer**

Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Andy Goodaker, Sally Ham, Cathy Maddox, Teresa McKinley, Cathy Midkiff, Forrest Roberts,**

Sandra Roberts, Janet Tichenor Youth Deacon: **Miles Baur**

NO Worship & Wonder

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

SUNDAY, December 16 - Advent 3

Symphony Sunday

9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Reception
4:00 pm Cookies & Caroling
6:00 pm Boy & Cub Scouts

MONDAY, December 17

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 19

6:30 am MBS Panera
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 20

2:30 pm Food Pantry

There will be a **Congregational Meeting**
on December 23 immediately following the
worship service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, December 24, at 5:00 PM

All are invited to.....
Cookies & Caroling Christmas Party
TODAY at 4 PM
Come to the Church and enjoy cookies and
fellowship before heading out to go caroling!

*We extend our grateful appreciation to
Mr. Troy Quinn, Conductor, and the
Owensboro Symphony Chamber Orchestra
on the occasion of our 43rd annual
collaboration in preparing this
Advent Service of Worship.*

Owensboro Symphony Chamber Orchestra

Mr. Troy Quinn, Conductor

Violin I	Ji-Woon Jung Yu-Chen Hsu Minglun Liu Nathaniel Shapiro
Violin II	Mengqi Hong Sun Huh Betsy Osoffsky Eunbee Lee
Viola	Katelyn Hoag Elizabeth Jones Mark Hatlestad
Cello	David Dietz Jennifer Farny Christopher Cho
Bass	Greg Olson Tiffany Freeman

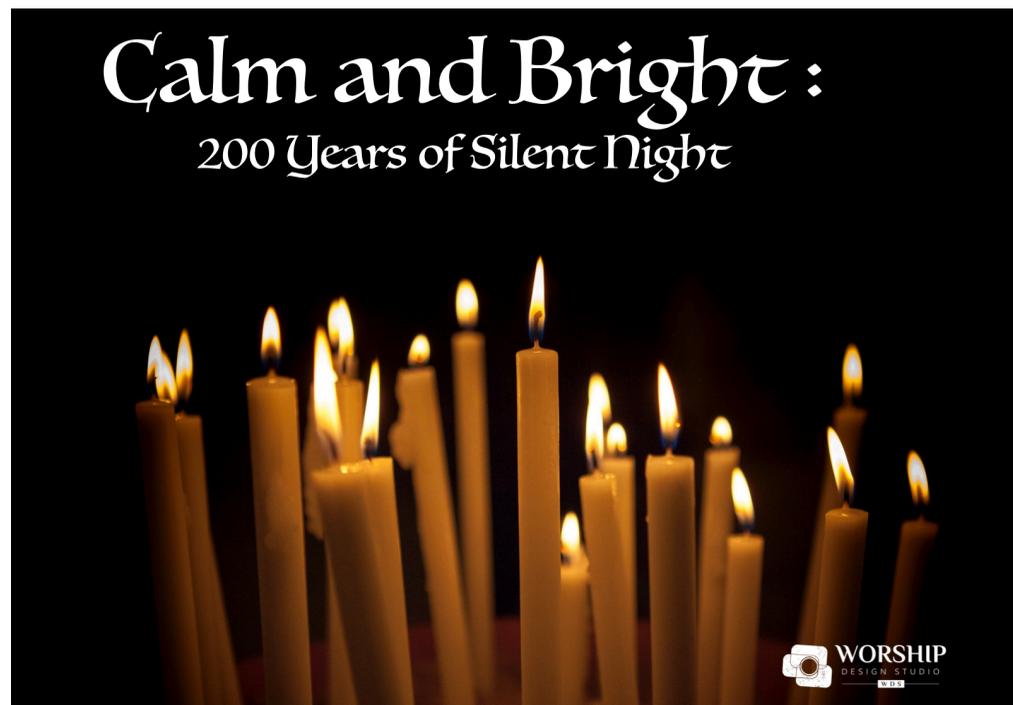
Music Participants

Mike Tichenor, First Christian Church, Choir Director
David Roberson, Third Baptist Church, Choir Director
Ann Jeannette Pierce, First Christian Church, pianist
Combined Choirs of Third Baptist Church and
First Christian Church

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*"Our mission is to manifest Christ's love by
empowering all to compassionate service."*

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