

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

16 December 2018
10:00 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Lighting of the Candles

Ryan Shaney

Prelude

Jingle Bells

by James Pierrepont

We Wish You a Merry Christmas
Angel Choir. Dir. Lisa Elkins

Trad. English Carol

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen
Rachel Kirkman, Flute

Trad. English Carol
arr: Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

Congregational Singing

I Won't Back Down
Wait for It
Do Not Be Afraid

Led by Con Brio
Tom Petty & Jeff Lynne
Christian McIvor
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GRACE

* Call to Worship

Even now we do not expect to find deity in a stable. Somehow the setting is all wrong:

The swaddling clothes too plain, the manger too common for the likes of a savior, the straw inelegant, the animals, reeking and noisy, the whole scene too ordinary for our taste.

And the cast of characters is no better. With the possible exception of the kings, who among them is fit for this night?

The shepherds? Certainly too crude; the carpenter, too rough; the girl, too young. And the baby! Whoever expected a baby? Whoever expected the advent of God in a helpless child?

Had the Messiah arrived in the blazing light of the glory of a legion of angels wielding golden swords, the whole world could have been conquered for Christ right then and there—

And we in the church – to say nothing of the world!- **wouldn't have so** much trouble today.

Even now we simply do not expect to face the world armed with love

Ann Weems

* Prayers of Thanksgiving

Carols

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Children's Choir

VENI EMMANUEL
Latin Hymn.

BH#95

Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

(Children's Choir will sing each verse. Congregation please join on each refrain.)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Lauren Grubbs & Tammy Shaney

Leader: What joy brings you here today?

People: We are summoned by eternal joy, deeper than any other happiness our souls can know.

Leader: How can this be?

People: It is of God. Joy that shall be to all people; Joy that conquers

sorrow; Joy that reflects God's belief in us.

All: We light this candle to symbolize our great joy in God.

E. Lee Phillips

Response

Gloria in excelsis Deo

GLORIA



* Carols

BH#85
BH#94

The First Nowell
Angels from the Realms of Glory

THE FIRST NOWELL
REGENT SQUARE

GROW

New Testament Reading

Luke 2.8-18

The Message

Children's Sermon

Lin Story-Bunce

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room, children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110), 2nd graders & older may return to their seats.

Prayer for the World & Unison Response

I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. With God, I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only God and I will remain.

Anthem

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming arr: Jean Anne Shafferman
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Frank Kinsman
Adult Choir

Moment of Silence

And yet all loneliness, angers, hatreds, envies, and itchings that (Hell) contains, if rolled into one single experience and put into the scale against the least moment of the joy that is felt by the least in Heaven, would have no weight that could be registered at all. Bad cannot succeed even in being bad as truly as good is good.

CS. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*

Focus: Outrageous Outreach Project

* Carols

BH#88
BH#89

Hark the Herald Angel Sing
O Come, All Ye Faithful

MENDELSSOHN
ADESTE FIDELES

GIVE

Offertory Prayer

Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.

Marianne Williamson

Offertory

Spirit of Christmas
Jubilee Choir

Christian McIvor

In the Moon of Winter Time
Bells Angels

French Folktune
Arr. Gary Matheny

* Glory to God #135

Rise Up, Shepard, and Follow

FOLLOW
African American Spiritual



* Recognition of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace. Thank God you are here!

GO

★ Benediction Michael Usey

★ Response *Arise, Your Light is Come* words: Christian Mclvor
music: William H. Walker



★ Postlude *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light* tune: Houston

Depart in Peace

Life is full of beauty. Notice it. Notice the bumble bee, the small child, and the smiling faces. Smell the rain, and feel the wind. Live your life to the fullest potential, and fight for your dreams.

Ashley Smith

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Mat Cravey.

The Deacon Greeter today is Darcie Thompson .

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★ Please stand as you are able.



Priorities of Our Church

1. We serve our community. We actively work for the benefit of our community; **we are known for seeking Greensboro's welfare, both as a congregation and as individuals.**
2. We encourage everyone to be connected. We seek connection through small groups that offer opportunities for fellowship, for deeper relationships, and for developing our faith. Because of the growing number of these groups, new members will find ready opportunity for becoming involved and making friends.
3. We sustain the financial health of our congregation. We are mindful of the financial well-being of our congregation; we ensure that the buildings housing our ministries are maintained and preserved, and the programs and staff supporting our ministry are fully funded.
4. We nurture lay involvement and empower leadership. We are purposeful in encouraging members to undertake their individual calls to ministry and in helping them prepare for involvement and leadership.
5. We exist and minister in the name of God in Christ. We are distinctively Christian and seek to follow Jesus as Lord.

Sunday Announcements

Sunday Worship Advent 4
8:30 am Tessera, Chapel. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Blended Worship, Sanctuary

Adult Choir

Fall rehearsals for the Adult Choir are Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Please see Christian Mclvor if you're interested or feel free to just come to rehearsal!

Youth Christmas Party Tonight, 5—8 pm.

Ask Lin Story-Bunce for further details.

Wednesday Night Schedule & Calendar

5:30 pm	Dinner
6:00—7:00 pm	Kid's Choirs (Pre-K and Grades 1-5)
6:30—7:30 pm	Special Programming
7:30—9:00 pm	Adult Choir

Special Programming Calendar

December 19—CP Christmas Dinner—5:30 pm, FH
Weaver Academy Chorale—6:30 pm. Sanctuary
December 24—Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm.

Angel Tree Update & Wrapping Party

Angel Tree cards have flown off the trees, thanks to your generosity. Please return your unwrapped gifts **to one of the three angel trees at church when you've finished your shopping.** Peck Elementary and Prison Fellowship gifts are due Dec. 9; Adult Group Home gifts by Dec. 16. The youth group has a shopping outing to make sure all cards have been chosen and to add extras where needed. If you need help with spending guidelines or gift ideas, feel free to text or call me at 336-455-0172. The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program suggests that we spend \$25 on each child. Last year, thanks to you and our youth, we gave all children two or three gifts. If you prefer to contribute money, please designate your offering with Angel Tree in your check memo, your envelope or in your **online giving.** We'll add that to the money the youth raise for their Angel Tree shopping trip and also make sure caregivers get grocery money for their families. Come wrap gifts with the Missions Team today **after the 11 a.m. service. We'll gather about 12:15 in the downstairs conference room, have a short meeting and then begin wrapping presents.** All supplies provided. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Margaret Bell

Christmas Dinner

Our annual church Christmas Banquet will be Wed. December 19 at 5:30pm. Catered by **Maria's the meal will include vegetarian options. Cost \$10 person, \$40 max per family. Children under 5 eat free! Please make your reservations by calling the Church's office at 336-273-1779 or email cpcbcbgbo@bellsouth.net**

Building Your Resilience

Pressure happens - stress doesn't have to. How resilient are you when dealing with the everyday pressures of life? Ginny Olson, from the Center for Creative Leadership, will conduct a complimentary workshop at College Park January 9. To participate, you need to complete a brief resiliency assessment during the month of November. Pick up a copy of the assessment on the book table in the parking lot foyer.

Tai Chi

According to the November 2018 *Consumer Reports*, "Research suggests that [tai chi] cuts the risk of falls in older adults, helps with chronic pain, and may ease the symptoms of **dementia, depression, osteoarthritis, and Parkinson's disease.**" **Learn Tai Chi Chuan**, the gentle exercise, method of moving meditation, martial art and means of cultivating a sense of well-being. Tai Chi can be done by almost anyone. If you can walk, you can do Tai Chi. In preparation for his instructor certification, Mark Fleming will conduct a free class in the Chapel, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm. Wear comfortable clothing.



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