December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

THE CHURCH GATHERS In Anticipation

GATHERING MUSIC (10:25 a.m.)	
O Come, All Ye Faithful	arr. Glenn Eernisse
Silent Night	arr. Barry Braman

Handbell Ensemble

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS/CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

Sandra Manning

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time to enjoy the sacred music and to prepare your heart and mind for an encounter with God.

PRELUDE

Toccata on "Regent Square"......arr. Lani Smith Clyde Patterson

In Celebration

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clark and Sonja Rounds

LEADER: The third candle on the Advent Wreath is the Joy Candle, also known as the Shepherd's Candle, symbolizing the nearness of Christ's arrival.

PEOPLE: And the angel said to the shepherds, "Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall come to all the people;

LEADER: For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

PEOPLE: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

ALL: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" (Luke 2:10-14)

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

*RESPONSE

*CAROL OF PRAISE NO. 85

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Brenda Viverette

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed he Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will he 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.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child.....arr. Jana Wolfe Handbell Ensemble

In Meditation

READING OF THE WORD: Isaiah 9:2, John 1:1-13,

I Thessalonians 5:1-10 (RSV) Dr. Clay Warf

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

In Dedication

*OFFERTORY CAROL NO. 79

Blessed Be the God of Israel......FOREST GREEN

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pam Bass

*AN ADVENT DOXOLOGY......veni emmanuel

In Consecration

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

(children preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Church)
Angela Davis

CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS NO. 82

Emmanuel......McGEE

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

Silent Night with It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.....Franz Gruber and Richard S. Willis

Tim Surles and Blaine Pittman

THE MESSAGE: "The Message of Christmas: Light"

(Second in a Series)

Dr. Warf

*CAROL OF RESPONSE NO. 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem.....ST. LOUIS (stanzas 1 and 4)

*COMMISSION and BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 76

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel REFRAIN......VENI EMMANUEL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE CHURCH DEPARTS In Adoration

POSTLUDE

Karen Sawyer

The Ministry of Worship Participants

Dr. Clay Warf, Transitional Pastor Blaine Pittman, Director of Music & Education Clyde Patterson, Church Organist Karen Sawyer, Church Musician

^{*}Congregation stands, who are able

Today

Deacons: Brenda Viverette & Pam Bass Children's Church: Brenda Griffin Nursery & Toddlers: Paula Strickland

2025 Financial Summary for 49 Weeks

Member Prayer Request

Patsy Carty Weedie Hayes Judy Edwards Shirley House

Claudia Mull Cheryl Rice

Sue Jenkins

Prayer on Behalf of Members

Harrison Barnett Irma Boulden Dexter Denton Rudy Frazier

Family of Anne Gray Carolyn Jernigan Paul Patterson

Johnny Rackley

Johnathan Sawyer

Charlee Skinner Edith Skinner Janice Smith Wanda Surles Douglas Whitehurst

Card Ministry to the Homebound

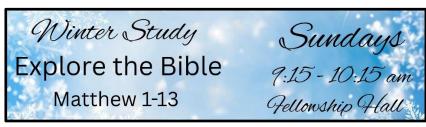


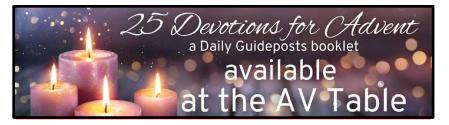
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learn more about NBC.

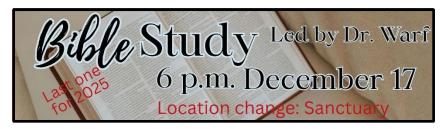














Lottie Moon International Missions Christmas Card Drop-off

Drop off cards for active NBC members at the display table in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by each Sunday to pick-up cards for you until Sunday, January 4. Make a contribution to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Envelopes will be at the AV table and in the Fellowship Hall)

