

Deacon: The *1st candle of Advent* reminds us the Christ of our **HOPE** was born.... **(Lighting the 1 PINK Candle)** . . .

Deacon: The *2nd candle of Advent* reminds us that **PEACE** is a gift that we must prepare for . . . **(Lighting of 1 Purple Candle)** . . .

Deacon: The *3rd candle of Advent* is the candle of **JOY**. It reminds us of the joy the Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her, a child who would save and deliver all who believe in Him by faith . . . **(Lighting of 2nd Purple Candle)** . . .

Deacon: The *4th candle of Advent* is the candle of **LOVE**. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for His children through faith in Jesus Christ . . . **Lighting of 3rd PURPLE Candle)** . . .

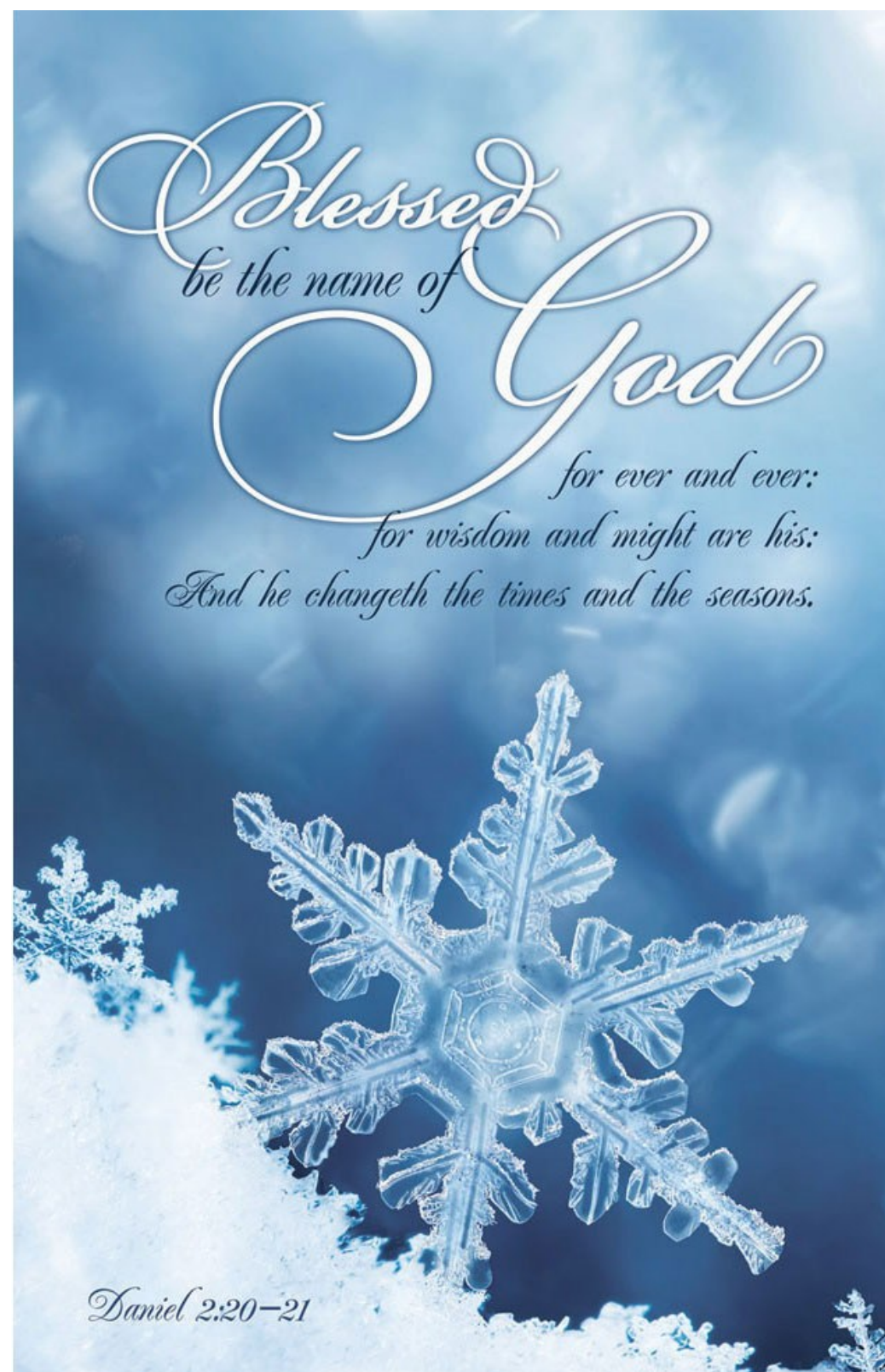
Deacon: A reading from the Gospel of Luke: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so, it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn," **(Luke 2:1-7)**.

ALL: We light the **Christ Candle** to remind us that the light of the world was born on Christmas Day. The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

(Lighting the 1 WHITE Candle) . . .

ALL: Almighty God, You have made this night holy by the gift of Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit. Upon Him rested all Your grace, through Him has come all Your mercy. Let His light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles before us. Empower us to hear Your word to celebrate Your everlasting love through the strong Name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Deacon—Closing Prayer



Gloucester Point Baptist Church

5pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2025

*Please pick up a candle in the Narthex
before entering the Sanctuary*

WELCOME/PRAYER Sharon Warren, Deacon

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Sharon Warren, Deacon
(on back page)

HYMN 87* vs. 1 “Joy To the World” Congregation

SCRIPTURE 1 Gabriel & Mary
Luke 1:26—38 David Crummett

HYMN 82* vs. 1 “Emmanuel” Congregation

SONG “Mary Did You Know” Jeannie Barrera

SCRIPTURE 2 Jesus is born in Bethlehem
Luke 2:1—7 Alice Smith

HYMN 86* vs. 1 “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” Congregation

SONG “O Holy Night” Rev. Mike Mines

SCRIPTURE 3 Shepherds visited by Angels
Luke 2:8—14 Ann Hogge

HYMN 88* vs. 1 “Hark the Heald Angels Sing” Congregation

SONG “In the Bleak Midwinter” Brett Cahoon

SCRIPTURE 4 Shepherds visit Jesus in the stable
Luke 2:15—20 Barry Milligan

HYMN 103* “Away in a Manger” Congregation

SONG “What Child Is This” Aaron Cirillo
accompanied by Aedan Weldon

SCRIPTURE TEXT: Isaiah 9:6; John 1:29

MESSAGE: “Mary’s Little Lamb”

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CANDLE LIGHTING * (see instructions below)

HYMN 91* vs. 1 & 3 “Silent Night” Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Mike Mines

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** Tip UNLIT candles to the flame, then
HOLD LIT CANDLES UPRIGHT to prevent wax from dripping.
NEVER tip lit candles over.*

*At conclusion of service, please extinguish your candle and
return it to the table in the Narthex .*

*Merry Christmas and Continue to Love God, Love Others,
and Serve Christ in His World!!*

We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus by
receiving His love and His church’s ministries. Please fill out a
“Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card” & place it on the candle table
in the Narthex. Thank You!