

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

December 1, 2019

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Joseph Dearest, Joseph MineMartha Lynn Thompson
The Friendly BeastsMartha Lynn Thompson
JuBELLation Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

My Soul Doth Magnify The LordEleanor Daley
Chancel Choir
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 211 (VERSES 1-4, 7)

O Come, O Come, EmmanuelVENI EMMANUEL

Please be seated.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Dale and Debbie Williams

HYMN No. 209 (VERSE 1)

Blessed Be the God of IsraelMERLE'S TUNE

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION

After the parents' profession of faith, the pastor asks the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Molly* in your care?

We will.

After the baptism, the pastor asks the congregation:

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ:

**Through baptism we are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

HYMN No. 611

Child of Blessing, Child of PromiseSTUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the attendance notebooks during the announcements. If this is your first time, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church. Also, help yourself to a blue Wesley Memorial tote bag as our gift to you. Inside you will find information about our church. Check out our website at www.wesleymemorial.org and subscribe to our monthly newsletter or Wesley Weekly email blast for the latest events and opportunities!

We rejoice in the baptism of **Molly Elizabeth Kline**, daughter of Dennis and Elizabeth Kline and welcome her into the family of Christ. Grandparents are Terry and Molly Berrier of High Point, NC and Dennis and Maria Kline of Warrenton, NC. Great grandparents are Harold and Betty Martin of High Point, NC; Jules and Tina Rosato of Keyport, NJ and Barbara Berrier of Midway, NC.

(Please come to the front by the center aisle, receive the bread or gluten-free wafer and dip it in the cup. After receiving, you may kneel at the prayer rail or return to your seat by a side aisle. If you need to be served at your seat, please tell an usher.)

If you are gluten intolerant, we offer a gluten-free wafer. You may receive the wafer from the server between the communion stations. If you are not gluten-intolerant, we ask you to please receive the bread.

Ushers for December:
Scott Dunbar, Windley Dunbar, Barbara Frye, Miles Gurley, Jane Harris, Stuart Nunn, Tom Smothers.

Greeters: Wanna Blanton, Bill Bradner, Brian Bunch.

Service Notes:
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44 (OT Pg. 27)

SERMON

"Remembering His Timing"

Jeff Patterson

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God of the Watching Ones..... Lee Dengler
Chancel Choir

God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and the suffering ones, the angels in heaven, the child in the womb. Grant us your healing peace, your gift of love, the hope of eternal life, the flower of Jesse, the rose yet to bloom. We are the watching ones, waiting in the night for shadows to vanish, revealing wondrous light. We are the hopeful ones, longing to see the Savior, the Son of Man who comes to set us free. O come long-expected One. Come, promised One, Messiah. Come, anointed One. Come, Love's Son from heaven, divine incarnation, God's great mystery. God of the watching ones come set us free!

Please stand as you are able.

DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.....OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Please be seated.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UM Hymnal No. 17

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

HYMN No. 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel.....MERLE'S TUNE

HYMN No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates.....TRURO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen.....Dale Grotenhuis
Chancel Choir

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

???????..... Wayne L. Wold
(b. 1954)

Worship Leaders: Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor; Melissa Lowe, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions; Jacob Lancaster, Pastoral Intern; Anne Carroll, Director of Music Ministries; Chancel Choir; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Tess Mickey, Emma Carlisle Niebauer, Acolytes; Will Smith, Crucifer; Slade Howell, Bookbearer; Katherine McMullan, Communion Steward; Joe Gamble, Altar Guilds; Dave McCoy, Sound Engineer.