GATHERING FELLOWSHIP

Welcome! Greet one another in the joy of the Lord! Children's worship bags are in the narthex. Audio amplifiers and large print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 96

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name.

Day after day announce,

the Lord has saved us!

Tell every nation on earth,

the Lord is wonderful and does marvelous things!

The Lord is great and deserves our greatest praise!

He is the only God worthy of our worship.

Give honor and praise to the Lord,

whose power and beauty fill his holy temple.

Tell everyone of every nation,

Praise the glorious power of the Lord.

Announce to the nations,

The Lord is King!

The world stands firm, never to be shaken.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE - RESOLVE

† Hymn 132 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Hymn 119 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

† Sharing the Joy and Peace of Christ

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, TITHES AND TALENTS

Stories of Christ at Work in our Lives

SCRIPTURE – *Isaiah 52:7-8, 10*

Pew Bible page 613

11:00 TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

(After the message, children under five may go to the nursery.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† HYMN 113 – Angels We Have Heard on High

SCRIPTURE – *John 1:9-14, 16*

Pew Bible page 886

SERMON – The Voice of Christmas Calling: Resolve

Tim Havlicek

† A RESOLUTION OF FAITH – Ephesians 1:3-14 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.

This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

† HYMN 104 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

† BENEDICTION

† Postlude

† Those who are able are invited to stand.

WORSHIP LEADER: 11:00 Sharyon Troutman

Guests and members, please stay after the service to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Parlor.

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If you ordered a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone before Christmas, please remember to take it with you following the worship service today.

SESSION

Steve Anthony, Clerk of Session

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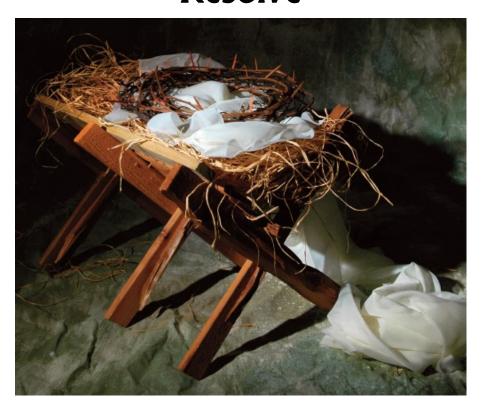
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TIME & TALENTS

OPENING THE CHURCH	Jim Storholt
USHERS - 11AM	Boyette family, Richard Evans, Candi Stewart
SOUND & LIGHT - 11AM	Phil Miller
HOSPITAL VISITATION	Patrick Faulkner
Nursery Workers	Susan Hopkins & Rosemary Markham
PARLOR	Faye Bennett
FEED THE FLOCK	Leigh Crown

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