DECEMBER 14, 2025 10:30 AM

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The Prelude: Joy to the World Arr. Hal Hopson

Choral Call to Worship: He Is Born Arr. Roger Wagner Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Play the musette, play the tuneful oboes! Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Let all sing and rejoice this day! Ages long since are past and gone when the wise men foretold His coming. Ages long since are past and gone! Noel, Noel then let us sing! Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Play the musette, play the tuneful oboes! Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Let all sing and rejoice this day! He was born in a stable bare, On bed of straw now He sleeps so soundly. He was born in a stable bare. Bow in homage to Him now. Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Play the musette, play the tuneful oboes! Now is born the Divine Christ Child. Let all sing and rejoice this day!

The Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Elliott and Emily Botzis

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Isaiah 65:18 and Philippians 4:4

*Processional Carol 87: Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

The Invocation and Welcome:

Pastor

The Unison Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

- ¹⁵ Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
- ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.
- ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacu.
- ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
- ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Christmas Carol 88: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN Preschool Praise Time {Age 3 through K5}

Preschool Praise is designed for children in PK3-Kindergarten. Children may meet the preschool leader at the front of the sanctuary on the left side by the doubledoors following The Christmas Carol. Following the worship service please pick up your child in the Learning Center.

The Offertory Prayer: Lisa Collins

The Offertory Anthem: The First Noel Arr. Dan Forrest

*The Presentation of Gifts: The Doxology VENI EMMANUEL 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. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

"Born to Bring Hope, Peace, and Joy" The Message: **Pastor** Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Born in Bethlehem, God in flesh, King of Kings, Joy of Joys. (v. 19) God the Father was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ. The joy of God was seen by the Bethlehem shepherds who witnessed all of heaven break out in sona!

The Anthem: Did Mary Know? Arr. Richard E. Averre Did Mary know? Did Mary know that holy night so long ago, That one day this, her Child, would reign as King? Did Joseph know that holy night so long ago, That one day men would nail Him to a tree? Did Jesus know, Did Jesus know hearing angels sing, Did He know one day men would cry "Crucify." Did Mary know? Joseph know? Jesus know? Did Mary know that holy night so long ago That one day this, Her Child, would reign as *King, Did Mary hear the angels' song: Christ the King is born?*

Born to reconcile lost people to God (v.20a) God the Father was pleased to reconcile us to himself through Jesus...

The Anthem: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne Arr. Craig Courtney Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown When Thou camest to earth for me. But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room For Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee! Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, Proclaiming Thy

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Name:
Please pray for:

☐ I give permission to publish this request on the weekly prayer list.



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royal degree. But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth And in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee. When the heavens shall sing and the angels sing At Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for Thee." And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, And my heart shall rejoice when Thou comest and callest me.

Born to make peace through his blood, shed on the Cross (v.20b)

Christmas always points to the Cross. The incarnation would have served no purpose without the sacrifice of Jesus. At the cost of his own life, Jesus paid our debts by his own blood, then rose from the dead in victory over sin and death.

*Invitation Hymn 94: Angels, From the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

*The Benediction Pastor

The Chimes of the Trinity

As we leave, let us remember that we do not leave the church; we leave as the Church to go into the world and make disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Postlude: He Is Born, the Infant King Arr. Richard Hudson

WORSHIP NOTES

*The congregation will stand during this time.

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MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor: Marshall Blalock

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