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ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE ARE WELCOMED INTO THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *O Holy Night* **Brickman**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 96**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

People: **Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

People: **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.**

Leader: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

People: **God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples with equity and truth.**

All: **Praise the Lord!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19	
Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation		
CAROL	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	p.44
SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22:15-18	
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed		
CAROL	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	p. 9
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah		
CAROL	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	p. 38
FOURTH LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9	
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation		
CAROL	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	p. 48
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-35, 38	
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child		
CAROL	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	p. 31
SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child		
CAROL	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	p. 25
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16	
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah		
CAROL	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	p. 23
COMMUNION		

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
On this silent night, God is with you.		
God is also with you.		
On this holy night, God's Grace comes to us.		
Our hearts rejoice in his becoming one of us, that we might become one with God.		
On this Night of nights, the shadows of the world melt away before God's Light.		
We join the choirs of angels in singing to the universe the good news of the birth of Jesus.		
...caroling the good news which is ours:		
Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis deo! Creation joins in the angelic chorus of joy.		
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One born this night for us.		
Hosanna in the highest!		
...we proclaim that mystery we call faith:		
Born in the shadows of night, Christ is our light; dying on a rough cross,		
Christ is our life; rising from a cold tomb, Christ is our hope; returning to		
us once more, Christ is our promise.		
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		
SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF GOD		
OFFERTORY	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Smith
*DOXOLOGY ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") <i>Hymnal #592</i>		
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION		
EIGHTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth		
RECESSIONAL CAROL	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	p.60
LIGHTING OF INDIVIDUAL CANDLES		
CAROL	<i>Joy to the World</i> (Hold candles high on last verse)	p. 40

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed New Year.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

Lay Reader: Bill Detmers

Ushers: Sue & Frank Merritt

Communion Steward: To be announced

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly host sing: "Alleluia"
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light:
With the angels let us sing.
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

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Joy to the World

Joy to the World! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King,
Let every hear prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Jo Weaver

*For the Glory of God
In memory of J. T. Weaver
In honor of and in appreciation for my caregiver,
Roxanne Melgarejo
In memory J. T. Weaver
In memory of Nancy VonTungeln*

The (Bill) VonTungeln Family
Lynda, Brady, Adam Vick & family
and Nell Horne,
Jemmie D. Moseley & Family

*In memory of Earl Wayne Vick, Jr. and Leon Horne
In honor of Nell Horne
In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. B.
Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis,
Sr.
In memory of Sonny Kientz
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William. D. Merritt, Mr.
& Mrs. John R. Kitchens, Sr., John R. Kitchens, Jr.,
and Peggy Wilson
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Brown and Robert
W. Rauls*

Mary Kientz
Sue & Frank Merritt

Bonnie Rauls

Erin F. Shaw and Ryan

*In honor of the Faucette, Johnson, Versey,
Kincade, Shaw, Hall & Coleman Families and
Marty Shell
In memory of Ruby O. Carey, Mable Robinson,
Harlon Jones, Jr., and Jessie M. Blevins*

Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Judy & Nelson Buchanan

*In memory of Murray Reichen
In honor of Bea. Magee
In memory of Grady Magee, Linda Douthit, and
Nelson Buchanan, Sr.
In memory of James “Red” Bennett
In memory of Ruby O. Carey, Robert Orgain, and
Oneida Orgain*

Marie Bennett
Karen & David Perdue

Gary Johnson
Tommy Dunlap & Marty Shell

*In honor of Cynthia, Matt, & Anna Johnson
In memory of Margie Watson, Nell & Bob Dunlap,
Georgia Diffey, Randi Shell, and Lester & Marie
Shell
In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner and Dora
VonTungeln*

Rick & Melilssa Tucker

*In honor of Karen & David Perdue
In memory of Ruby O. Carey
In memory of Ruby Orgain Carey and Onieida &
Bob Orgain*

Jim & Elise Argue & Family

Announcements

2014 Offering Envelopes are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

The Choir Will Not Meet Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

Central Will Host Trinity Village Vespers Sunday, December 29, at 4 p.m., in the Great Hall at Trinity Village. All are invited to attend.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014, in observance of New Year's Day.

The Choir Will Not Meet Wednesday January 1, 2014, in observance of New Year's Day.

We Will Take Our Christmas Decorations down on Saturday, January 4, 2014. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.