

Moravian Love Feast

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Worship Leader

Rev. Timothy Reeves

Hosts

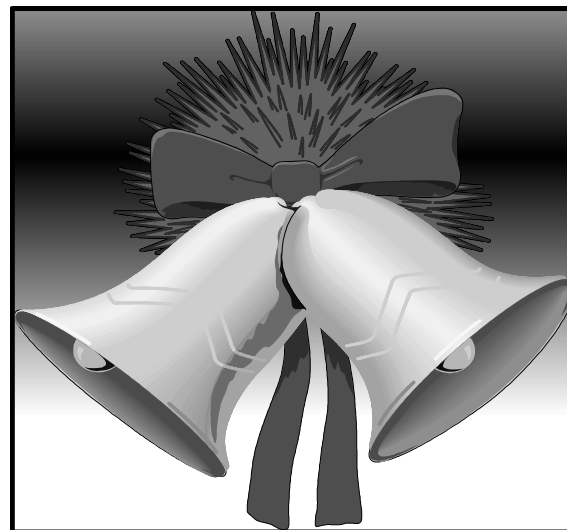
“Dieners”

Jemmie Moseley and Betty Coles

We are grateful to all of those participating in tonight's service, and everyone who has come to share in this evening's celebration.

The Moravian Love Feast is an annual tradition here at Central and one which has grown and developed over the years. We gather this evening as members of the family of God, and together we seek God's blessing for our community and for our world.

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Central Presbyterian Church

Pine Bluff, AR

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5:00 p.m.

Order of Worship

Christmas Chimes

Greeting

Hymn #132 *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

Call to Worship

Leader: "Let us love one another; for love comes from God."

People: **"Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."**

Leader: "This is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

People: **"Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."**

Leader: "No one has ever seen God."

People: **"If we love one another God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."**

All: **"Let Us Worship!"**

Hymn #93 *Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates*

Scripture Readings Job 31:16-23

Philippians 2:1-11

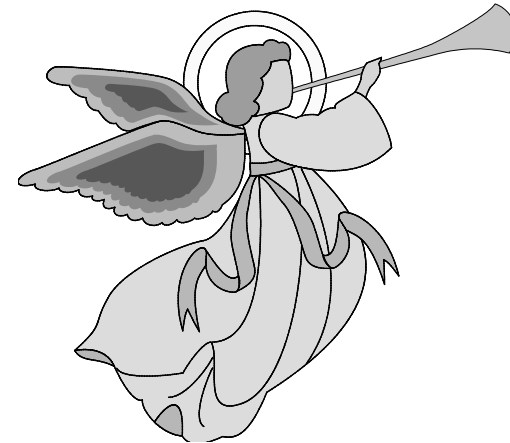
The Evening Prayer

Meditation

Hymn #143 *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

Blessing of the Breads

Hymn #119 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*



119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

MEHNDELSSOHN

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say:
voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss:
voice; now ye need not fear the grave:

Je - sus Christ is born to - day; ox and ass be -
Je - sus Christ was born for this! He has o - pened
Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

Glory to God 132

TEXT: Medieval Latin; trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.

MUSIC (IN DULCE JUBILO 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5): German folk melody, 14th cent.; harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953; harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Riddle (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voice - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 you - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."