

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:39-55
Sermon Rev. Maxwell Grant
Offertory
Offertory Solo See Amid the Winter's Snow/In The Bleak Midwinter

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication *(said in unison)*

Bless these gifts with your loving presence, O God. Make your face shine through our offering this day. Shine the light of your love through our ministries and our lives, that all may know and notice that you are here, on this very earth and in our very lives.

Joys & Concerns/Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

(A time for silent personal reflection.)

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer ("debts")

*Hymn 23 *Angels We have Heard on High*

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Festival March Marc Cheban

() Please stand.*

Deacons in Charge: Jim and Leah Marmon

The Christmas Trees, Poinsettias and Garlands, are given in loving memory of Helen Halbert Hicks, as provided by the endowment Fund established by her husband, Dr. Henry Hicks. The Sanctuary and Hall Wreaths are donated by Anne and Todd Kennedy. The Tower Wreath is donated by Women's Fellowship.

Coffee Hour – There is a sign-up sheet in Fletcher Hall for those who would like to bring baked goods for “Sunday Morning Coffee Hour.” We recommend that you bring approximately four dozen bite-size items. The church will continue to supply fruit and beverage. **You can also sign-up at email: pam@2cc.org.**

2018 Donations

2018 is quickly coming to an end! It would be helpful to the church office if pledge payments could be completed prior to Christmas. For your tax records, payments must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31. Please be sure to clearly mark on your check to which year the funds should be applied (2018, or 2019 if you are prepaying). Stock donations are a great way to complete a pledge. Your broker will send the stock to our bank, where it will be liquidated. Because of privacy laws in stock transactions, your broker may not designate your name. Please advise in writing of your intention to pay this way. Please contact Julie Muratore at Julie@2cc.org for detailed instructions if you are going to donate stock.

Offering Envelopes for 2019

Using offering envelopes is a matter of personal preference. Envelopes are used by donors who make an annual pledge and by those who do not pledge but give when they are able to do so. They provide additional privacy, the option to make cash donations, and serve as a reminder to keep up with donations to the church. If you would like to have one assigned to you, or if you have previously received envelopes you no longer use, please call Gloria in the church office. The offering envelopes for 2019 are available in Fletcher Hall.

December Music Schedule

December 24 - Chancel Choir and Festival Brass

December 25 - Bluegrass Christmas!

December 30 - Holiday Hymns

Upcoming Events

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| Monday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> | 1:00 p.m. | Youth Choir Call Time | |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Pageant Entire Cast/Crew | |
| | 3:30 p.m. | Children's Christmas Pageant | Sanctuary |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Call Time | |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Christmas Festival Service | Sanctuary |
| | 11:15 p.m. | Candlelight Service | Sanctuary |
| Tuesday, December 25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> | 10:30 a.m. | Christmas Worship | |
| Saturday, December 29 | 5:00 p.m. | Evensong | Chapel |



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Prelude

Pastorale

Camille Saint Saëns

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Call To Worship (*Micah 5:2-5a*)

Leader: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

People: Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

Leader: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

People: And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Leader: and he shall be the one of peace.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

(Children should leave for the church school program after the 2nd verse of the hymn)

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One, You offer life as a great gift, knowing it is more than a long path of day upon day. It is a way to find wonder and joy. Yet we forget that so easily. Especially we forget to seek after holy things, and to learn sacred truths. We forget Your son, who lived with wonder and joy as he called us to serve You and our neighbors. Forgive us. Make us mindful of the gift once again. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

Piano Solo

I Saw Three Ships/Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

