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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Every Sunday**

Worship ..... 11:00 am  
Sunday Church School..... 9:30 am  
New Member's Class ..... \*  
Big Sisters-Children 2½ - 5 yrs..... \*\*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays\***

Children's Worship Celebration..... 11:00 am

**1<sup>st</sup> Sundays**

Observance of the Lord's Supper

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays\***

Baptism

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays\***

Dedication of Babies

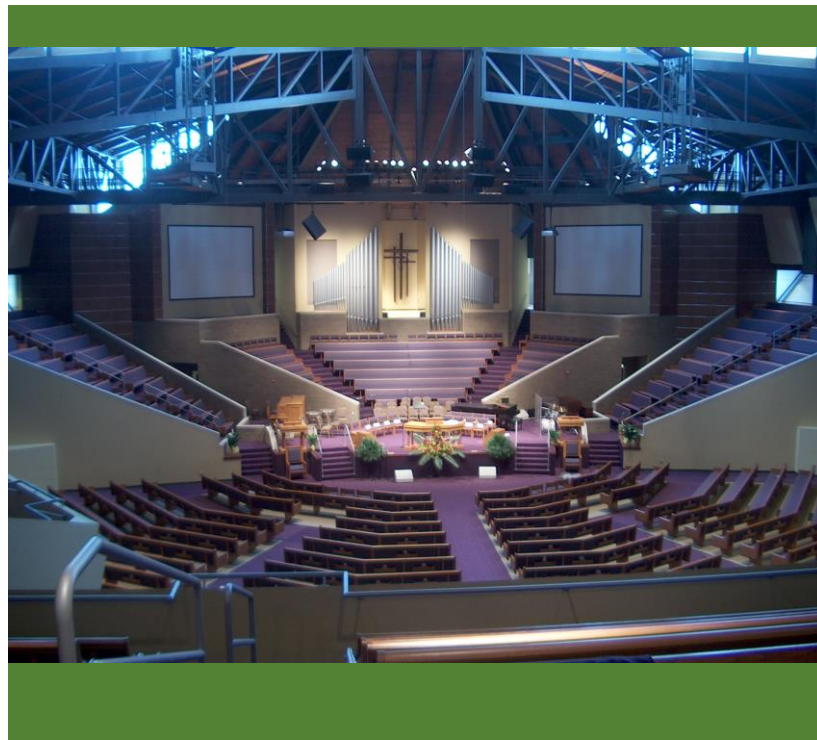
**Wednesdays**

The Church in Prayer, 6:00 pm  
The Church in Study, 6:30 pm

(\*Call the Church for more information

\*\*To be determined

See monthly Newsletter for more information)



**Senior Pastor**

Nathan Johnson, D.D.

**Minister of Discipleship & Kingdom Expansion**

Rev. Terry Robinson

**Chairman, Deacons' Ministry**

Deacon James S. Sarter

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**Church Clerk**

Deacon Jerry Moses

**Jail & Prison Ministry**

Rev. Samuel E. Spruill

**Come Home  
to Family**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**December 25, 2022**

**11:00 am**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**Nathan Johnson, D.D.,**

*Senior Pastor*



# Sanctuary Celebration

ORGAN PRELUDE

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

Dr. Stanley Waldon

## THE ENTRANCE MOMENT BEGINS THE WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Terry Robinson

For so long we have walked only in darkness, unable to see. But, behold a light, yes a light has come! Not even the deepest darkness can keep out the dawn. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Peace is here, upon us, with us, around us. It will never end. Celebrate the King of light, power and peace. He has come.

## OUR WORSHIP IN PRAISE

EXHORTATION TO PRAISE

"Medley of Praise"

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Arthur Rushin

Heavenly God, may our hallelujahs ring loud and true as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Let us rejoice knowing that He is truly Emmanuel, God with us. Our hearts are filled with joy knowing that we see Your face in the precious baby Jesus. May our worship and praise be to Your glory, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Hear us now as we pray.

THE LAYMEN'S PRAYER

Dea. Franklin Adams & Dea. James Beasley

THE MODEL PRAYER

Recite in Unison

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THE HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Joy to the World"*

Congregation

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98, NLT

Rev. Dr. Rosetta O'Neal

In Unison: Sing a new song to the LORD, for He has done wonderful deeds. His right hand has won a mighty victory; His holy arm has shown His saving power!

The LORD has announced His victory and has revealed His righteousness to every nation!

He has remembered His promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy!

Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song,

with trumpets and the sound of the ram's horn. Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!

Let the sea and everything in it shout His praise! Let the earth and all living things join in.

Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy

before the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness.

THE JOY AND EXCITEMENT OF THE  
FIRST CHRISTMAS MORNING: A CAROL SERVICE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-33 Bro. Charles Grace  
Luke 2:1-12 Bro. Jacob Obiora

CHORAL RESPONSE “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
“Silent Night” Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:13-14 Bro. Jacob Obiora

CHORAL RESPONSE “Angels We Have Heard on High”  
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-14 Bro. Charles Grace

CHORAL RESPONSE “O Come All Ye Faithful” Congregation

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PASTORAL INPUT Pastor Nathan Johnson

OUR WORSHIP IN SHARING GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

THE GIVING REFLECTION Bro. Bryson Nickelberry

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Dwight Fowler

We come before the child to offer our gifts and the question lingers in our hearts. What can we give Him? What gift is worthy? How much is enough? Where is the need the greatest? What can we do? Let us stretch to give more than we planned and let us give our whole selves in gratitude for the greatest gift the world has known, Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC “Go Tell It on the Mountain” Congregation

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OUR WORSHIP IN MEDITATION AND COMMITMENT

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE John 1:14, NKJV Sis. Aramide Iposu

THE MEDITATION “O Sweet Wonder”

SERMON “THE DAY GOD MOVED IN” PASTOR NATHAN JOHNSON

CHRISTIAN INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP “Jesus, the Light  
of the World”

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Nathan Johnson

BENEDICTION Pastor Nathan Johnson

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “Hallelujah Chorus”

## *“Medley of Praise”*

### **HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD**

The splendor of a King,  
clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light,  
and darkness tries to hide  
it trembles at His voice,  
trembles at His voice

And age to age He stands  
and time is in His Hands  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, three in one  
Father, Spirit, Son  
the Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb

*How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God*

*Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
how great is our God*

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## *“Hymn of Praise”*

### **JOY TO THE WORLD**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the course is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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## *“Hymn of Meditation and Commitment”*

### **OH SWEET WONDER**

O sweet Wonder!  
O sweet Wonder!  
Jesus, the Son of God;  
How I adore Thee!  
O how I love Thee!  
Jesus, the Son of God.

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## *“Hymn of Invitation”*

### **JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn King,  
Jesus, the light of the world.

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine  
bright.  
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world.*

Joyful, all you nations, rise.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies.  
Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Christ, by highest heav'n adored.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Jesus, the light of the world. [Refrain]

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# The Joy and Excitement of the First Christmas Morning: A Carol Service

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEM

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wandering love  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the king  
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## 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 hosts 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 dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic host proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see:  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Born as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our  
Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to  
the newborn King"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Risen with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the new-born king"

## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh  
appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

## GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Go, tell it on the mountain*  
*Over the hills and everywhere*  
*Go, tell it on the mountain*  
*That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a Holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.