

Hymns of the Holidays
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
Luke 2:25-32

**What do we expect to gain from Advent if Jesus
has already come as our Savior?**

The greater our _____ about Jesus,
the greater our _____ of His salvation.

1. _____ helps us to set biblical expectations (2:25-26).

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2. We should expect that our _____ will give
meaning to our _____ (2:27-28).

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3. We should expect our celebration of Christ to _____
_____ (2:29-32).

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022

Prelude: “While By My Sheep” arr. Kevin McChesney
Clarion Sounds

Welcome and Mside Moment Rev. Laura White

Call to Worship: “The Child Who Is Born to Be a King” arr. Don Besig
Golden Tones, Congregation, and Kirsten Button, flute

Invocation Rev. White

Advent Devotion and Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy
..... Butch and Carolyn Rhoads

“Gloria” Alisen Wells, Anna Clark
Kingdom Kids

Worship in Song Robert Mitchell
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 77
Golden Tones, Congregation, Clarion Sounds

“Celtic Christmas Lullaby”
Golden Tones and Kirsten Button, flute

Offertory Prayer Hugh Martin

Offertory: “Away in a Manger” arr. Sandra Eithun
Clarion Sounds and Kirsten Button, flute

Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 253

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-32 Susan Hardison

“The Coming Joy” arr. Joseph M. Martin
Golden Tones

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Owensby

Message: *Hymns of the Holidays* Dr. Owensby
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Invitation Dr. Owensby

Hymn of Decision: “Come, Ye Disconsolate” No. 67

Benediction Dr. Owensby

Closing Chorus: “Arise, Your Light Is Come” No. 83
Golden Tones and Congregation

Postlude: “As Lately We Watched with Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
..... arr. Anna Laura Page
Gail Medlin, piano

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 4-11

How can you help further God's Kingdom across the world? Pray for those who are lost, pray for the missionaries who minister to them, and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as the Lord leads during the month of December.

Sunday, December 11

◆ Shepherd Tree Gifts Due Today

Thank you, Morningside members and classes, for volunteering to supply gifts for children in School District #7. Bring gifts to the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall Lobby.

◆ Free Holiday Movie: *A Night at the Nativity* 3:00 P.M.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a thought-provoking journey surrounding the most pivotal moment in human history—the birth of Jesus Christ. Snacks/drinks provided.

◆ Youth Christmas Party 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Meet at the home of the Emersons (186 Morninglake Drive, Moore). Bring a gift of \$10 or less for our White Elephant Exchange and a soda, chips, or dessert.

Monday, December 12

● Golden Tones on Ministry Tour

The Golden Tones will sing Christmas carols for the residents of White Oak Wellness Center (400 Webber Road), beginning at 2:00 P.M. Remember to wear blue shirt with black slacks/skirt. The bus will leave at the church 1:15 P.M.

● Deacon/Staff/Spouse Christmas Dinner

Wear your festive Christmas attire as we fellowship with others during our Christmas dinner, beginning at 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 17

* Children's Christmas Party 10:00 A.M.

Our morning will be filled with cookies, cocoa, crafts, and the Christmas Story. Please let Laura know if your child plans to attend **no later than today**.

* Dress Rehearsal for *Sing Gloria!!* 10:00 A.M.

The following groups will rehearse for the Christmas cantata in the Sanctuary: Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Sounds, and Orchestra.

Sunday, December 18

Christmas Cantata — *Sing Gloria!!*

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Joyful Sounds, and Orchestra

The day seemed like any other. People were going about their business as usual, but something wonderful was about to happen. Worship with us as the Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and Kingdom Kids present *Sing Gloria!!*, an anthology of songs of the season that proclaim the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Afterwards, we will enjoy some home-baked muffins and cookies in the Fellowship Hall. We ask our members to bring a dozen of either to share with others. Invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us, beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Nursery Schedule

Please arrive by 9:15 A.M.

December 11

Shirley Bodnar, Marie Sawyer

December 18

Jayne Belmont, Brenda Young

Deacons on Call

December 11-17

Hugh Martin, Chris Pittman

December 18-24

Becky Magnanti, Phyllis Fagen

Ministers on Call

December 10-11

Steven Owensby, 590-7985

December 17-18

Connor Bastin, 804-3528

Family Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 18 4:00 P.M.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Lobby if you would like to sing carols to those in our church family who cannot attend. We will return to the Fellowship Hall for pizza at 6:00 P.M.

Operation Warmth

Please share any blankets, coats, sweaters, hats, and gloves that you no longer use with those in our community who do not have warm clothes to wear during these wintry days. These items will be a blessing to the homeless or those of low income in our county. Protecting someone from the cold will warm your heart and soul. Collection boxes have been placed throughout the church for your gifts.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday, December 24 5:00 P.M.

Christmas Day Worship 10:00 A.M. No Sunday School or Nursery Child Care Come Casual

Calendar

Sunday, December 11

Worship9:30
Special Music by Clarion Sounds
and Golden Tones
Bible Study10:45
A Night at the Nativity Movie3:00
Clarion Sounds Rehearsal5:00
Youth Christmas Party5:00

Monday, December 12

Golden Tones Bus Leaves1:15
Deacon/Staff/Spouse Dinner6:30

Tuesday, December 13

Bicycle Ministry8:00
Staff Meeting10:30

Wednesday, December 14

Last Regular Schedule

Kingdom Kids (Choir) 6:00-6:30
Youth Thrive 6:15-7:30
Mission Friends 6:30-7:30
Journey Kids 6:30-7:30
Joyful Sounds 6:35
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:05
Orchestra Rehearsal 7:30

Thursday, December 15

Thursday Thoughts Online6:00

Friday, December 16

Prayer Warriors9:30

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 17

Children's Christmas Party10:00
Sing Gloria!! Dress Rehearsal ...10:00

The Record Speaks

December 4

General Fund Receipts:

\$ 16,838.23

Weekly Needs: \$15,079.21

Mortgage Balance: \$50,957.17

The IRS requires that all 2022 contributions be turned in to the Financial Office **no later than Saturday, December 31**. You may bring them to the Church Office, place them in the offering plate during services, or leave them in the mailbox outside the entrance to the Church Office Wing.