

Worship Notes

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the lavender welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

This season and the day of Epiphany:

During the seasons of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany (sometimes referred to as a "cycle"), we move theologically from expectant hope to realized joy. Advent, the beginning of the church year, is normally marked by the four Sundays preceding Christmas Eve and focuses our attention on the promise of a Messiah, the Messiah's actual coming and the coming of Christ at the end of time.

The Christmas season (or Christmastide) consists of twelve days that begins with the "lessons, carols and candles" of Christmas Eve and ends with Epiphany (January 6). On Christmas Eve and the Sundays of Christmastide, we light the Christ Candle to signify the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Epiphany (which means "manifestation" or "appearance") is January 6 and is usually observed on the Sunday nearest that date. The season of Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent. Epiphany celebrates the appearance of Jesus to the wise men from the East as well as Jesus' baptism and his early ministry.

Liturgical Color: **White**

White is generally considered a joyous and festive color and is used on special days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints and Reign of Christ. This color is virtually always used with weddings and funerals. White symbolizes divinity, purity, holiness, joy, innocence and victory.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Children's Worship:

Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service. Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home.

DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office. There is also a link to sermons on the website.

Altar Flowers:

The 2016 Flower Calendar for the Altar flowers is now on the small bulletin board in the hallway intersection near the library. Arrangements are \$52.50. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Baptist Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line. Please fill out a dedication form which can be found on the table by the church office or at the welcome desk. You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

Calendar

Sunday, January 1st

Chancel Choir Gathering 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, January 2nd

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3rd

No Bible Study, resumes January 11

Wednesday, January 4th

No Meal or Activities
except for Choir Practice at 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 8th

Colt's Baptism

Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance,
please do not hesitate to contact **Joe King (919) 872-8122**

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The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

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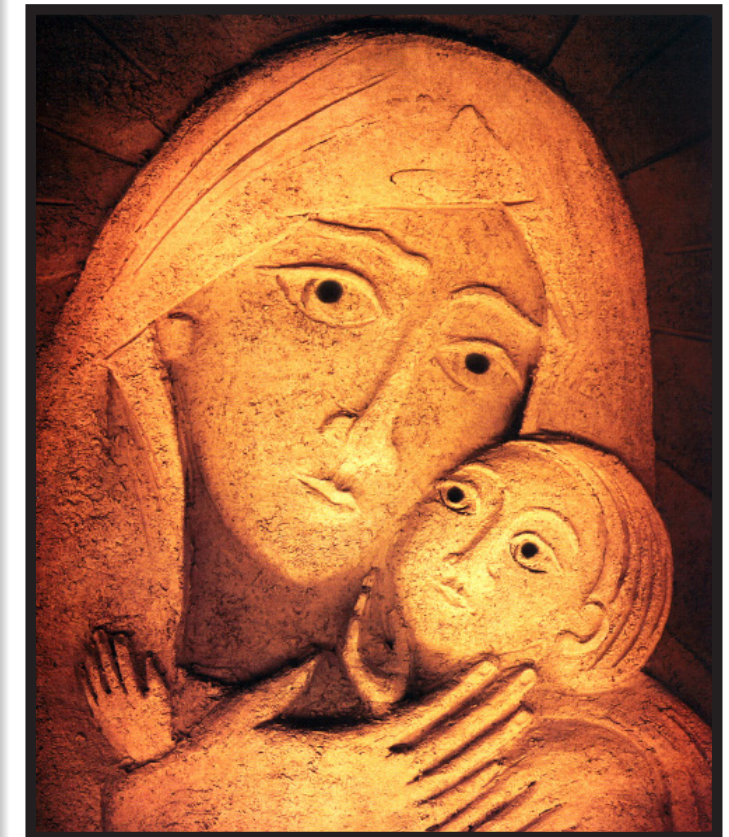


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January 1, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

We Worship Our Lord



Peter Zelei
Mother and Child

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'

Matthew 2:13

WELCOME

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Katelyn McWhorter

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord in worship!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Cold December Flies Away

Wood

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Katelyn McWhorter

†Call to Worship

Praise God, all who dwell on this earth.

Praise God in the heights and depths of life.

We will recount the deeds of God.

Surely God has shown us goodness and mercy.

Praise God, sun and moon and stars.

Praise God, fire and hail, snow and frost.

Men and women, young and old, together:

Let us praise and honor our Creator.

Let God's name be praised and exalted.

God's glory is above heaven and earth.

By God's steadfast love, we are drawn to worship.

Our gracious Savior leads us in new ways.¹

†Hymn 126

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

†Passing of the Peace

Andrea Dellinger Jones

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

PROCLAIMING

Hebrew Bible Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9 (*OT p.693)

Mackenzie Crockett

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 140

Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us

HARLAN

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Joe King

Offertory

The First Nowell

McDonald

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology

GREENSLEEVES

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom Shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,

the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Solo

Star-Child (Text at Hymn 145)

arr. Edwards

Elizabeth Hanes, soloist

†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23 (*NT p.2)

Joe King

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Words for the journey

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 148

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

†Blessing

"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."

†Postlude

From Heaven Above

Held

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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If you desire membership in our church,
or would like to make a public profession of faith,
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.