

# 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.

## A Word about Advent and Beyond:

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. 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. 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: Blue

Blue is the color of hopeful expectation and royalty and is, therefore, appropriate to symbolize the general Advent theme: The Christ is coming.

## Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

## Children's Worship:

In the nursery, our preschoolers will be learning about an angel visiting Mary and will make paper angels of their own.

Children's Church for K-2nd grade is located on the 2nd floor in the Education wing and today's leaders are Pat and Trish Strong. The children will be reading Isaiah 12:2-6 and exploring the joy that Jesus brings.

Wee Worship bags are available in the vestibule. Please return them after the worship service.

## 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.

# Calendar

## Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Chancel Choir Presents "Tapestry of Light"	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Churchwide Christmas Caroling	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
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## Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>Baked Ham, Pineapple Casserole, Corn Pudding, Butter Beans, Salad Bar, Yeast Rolls &amp; Assorted Desserts</i>	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Acts for All Ages	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Churchwide Christmas Caroling	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm - 8:45 pm

## Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Carolyn McClendon (919) 247-4240**

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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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# Millbrook Baptist Church

December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

We Worship Our Lord



Jennifer Branch

*A Candle in the Window*

*In him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.*

*John 1:4*

WELCOME

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

# GATHERING

Ringling of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Molly Shoulta

Christ, the Light of the World, is coming:  
Let every heart prepare him room.

**O come to our hearts, Lord Jesus;  
there is room in our hearts for thee.**

# ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Selected Carols

Instrumentalist

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: The Gift of Joy

Choir sings: Light of peace, calm our despair. Light of hope,  
lift us up when we fall.

Light of joy, brighten our days; Light of love,  
teach us your ways.

Responsive Litany *The Gift of Joy* Dru McClelland & Bill Smith

In a world where we often seek personal happiness, Advent  
beckons us to a deeper expression of our faith in Christ.

**For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

Advent beckons us to remember God's unconditional love, even  
when we stumble.

**For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

Advent beckons us to remember God's invitation to the human  
heart to be still in the face of strife.

**For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

Advent beckons us to remember we always have hope, even when it  
seems as if our world is caving in around us.

**For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

Candle Lighting

Congregation:

Light of life, Mak-er of day, gath-er our  
sha-dows and cast them a-way. Bea-con of  
truth, gleam-ing and bright, shine in our  
hearts, shat-ter our night.

Prayer

†Hymn of Joy *Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming* HYMN TO JOY

(All are invited to bring gifts of warmth and place them under the tree.)

(Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will go to the Sonshine Room,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.  
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.  
Dance and move to show God's glory;  
kneel and pause to hear God's word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.**

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.  
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.  
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.**

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, He will rise up from the dead.  
Lift the cup, of sin forgiven; bless the host and eat His bread.  
Mend the ways where peace is broken, give yourselves to true Shalom.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dwell as one in church and home.**

**Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.  
Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.  
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.**

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Carolyn McClendon

Offertory

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Holst

# PROCLAIMING

Message in Song *Tapestry of Light* Joseph M. Martin

Narrators: Lauren Huber & Tom Pender

Piano: Ron Heckman

Violin: Bettina Yost

Flute: Patty Hanes

Cello: Jane Salemsen

*Carols of Hope and Light*

*Longing for the Light*

Soloists: Sheri Greene & Charley Reese

*An Advent Garden*

*The Holy Child of Mary*

*O Wondrous Night*

Soloist: Hannah Lingafelt

*A Celtic Noel*

*Carols of the Quest*

*A Celtic Gloria*

*Bethlehem Light*

Soloist: Elizabeth Hanes

*Carols of Celebration*

# GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 49 *Once in Royal David's City* IRBY

†Blessing

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

†Postlude *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!* Carter

\* 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.