

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. **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:

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Children's Worship:

There will be no children's church today. Children are welcome to use children's bulletins and wee worship bags available from the ushers. Please return bags after the worship service.

Our preschoolers will be learning about the gift of Jesus and ways to say thank you for gifts they receive.

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 27th

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

Tuesday, December 29th

No Bible Study, resumes January 5, 2016

Wednesday, December 30th

No Wednesday Activities

Wednesday Night Meals, Activities and Choir Practice

Resume 1/6/2016

Friday, January 1st



Church Office Closed



Millbrook Baptist Church

December 27, 2015

First Sunday after Christmas

We Worship Our Lord



He Qi

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Luke 2:52

Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Ellen Hinton (919) 632-6110**

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

WELCOME

GATHERING

Ringling of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Patti Lingafelt

Christ, the Light of the World, has been born in a manger.

O come, let us adore him!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Berry

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Grady Moss

†Call to Worship

Men and women, old and young, together:

Praise God and exalt the Author of Life.

Praise God in the highest heavens.

Praise God, all dwellers on the earth.

God commanded, and we were created.

God sustains us and enables us to grow.

Praise God, all who seek to live in faithfulness.

Glorify God's name and join the loving community.

Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved.

We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

Let us draw close to God and to one another.

Let us join with all creation to worship God.¹

†Carols Medley 22 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (st. 1)*

23 *Angels We Have Heard on High (st.1)*

38 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (st. 1)*

†Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Cecil Greene

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

†Carols of the Holy Family

27 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (st. 1 & 3)*

The Hands That Once Held Mary's Child

**The hands that once held Mary's Child
were hard from working wood,
From boards they sawed and planed and filed
and splinters they withstood.**

**This day they gripped no tool of steel,
they drove no iron nail,
But cradled from the head to heel our Lord,
newborn and frail.**

**When Joseph marveled at the size
of that small breathing frame,
And gazed upon those bright now eyes
and spoke the infant's name,
The angel's words he once had dreamed
poured down from heaven's height,
And like the host of stars that beamed
blessed earth with welcome light.**

**"This child shall be Emmanuel,
not God upon the throne,
But God with us, Emmanuel,
as close as blood and bone."
The tiny form in Joseph's palms
confirmed what he had heard,
And from his heart rose hymns and psalms
for heaven's human word.**

**The tools that Joseph laid aside
a mob would later lift
And use with anger, fear, and pride
to crucify God's gift.**

**Let us, O Lord, not only hold
the child who's born today,
But charged with faith may we be bold
to follow in His way.²**

PROCLAIMING

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 148 (*OT p.582)

Elliot Hollis

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather

AWAY IN A MANGER

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

Children's Message

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

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

†Carols of the Shepherds

56 *The First Nowell (st. 1)*

29 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain (st. 1 & 3)*

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Ellen Hinton

Offertory

Sussex Carol

Wood

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

Gesu Bambino

Yon

Hannah Lingafelt

†Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:40-52 (*NT p.59)

Ellen Hinton

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Focus on the Family

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

Discipline of Reflection

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

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 308

KINGSFOLD

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

†Blessing

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

†Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Whitsett

Piano/Organ Duet

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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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.