

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.

Flowers:

The flowers on the altar, are placed today by Debbie and Bill Sawyer in memory of Ruby Gentry.

Flowers:

The Poinsettia placed in the vestibule is to honor *Don Hinton* today, on his birthday, and everyday for all of his thoughtful acts of kindness as he ministers to others. From the family of the late Rev. C.W. Cox, Jr.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Children's Worship:

Our preschoolers will be learning about peace and advent wreaths. Children's Church for K-2nd grade is located on the 2nd floor in the Education wing.

Today's leaders are *Rebecca Hewitt-Newson and Marilyn Reese*.

The children will be learning about peace and Zechariah's song in Luke which celebrates that Jesus would lead people into a life of peace.

Wee Worship bags are available in the vestibule. Please return 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.

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

Calendar

Sunday, December 6th

Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Youth Choir Rehearsal	12:15 pm
Children & Youth Christmas Pageant and Potluck "Light of the World"	5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 8th

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
Staff Meeting	11:00 am

Wednesday, December 9th

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>Pulled BBQ Chicken, Green Beans & Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Salad Bar, Texas Toast & Assorted Desserts</i>	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Acts for All Ages	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm - 8:45 pm

Saturday, December 12th

Gift of Time	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
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Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Woody Catoe (919) 872-7586**

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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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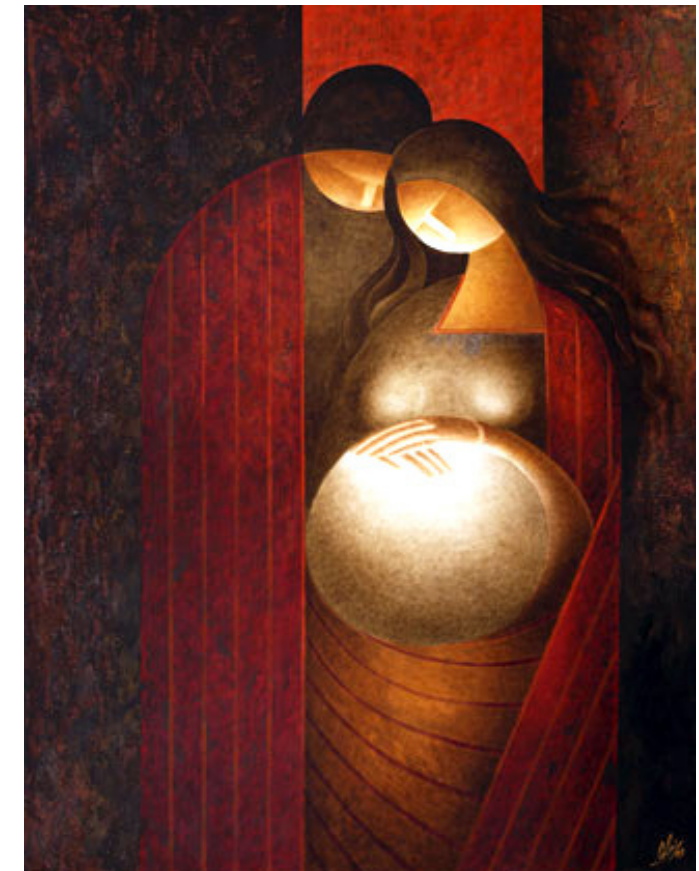


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December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

We Worship Our Lord



Lalo Garcia

Creador de Luz (Creator of Light)

*By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in
the shadow of death, to guide our feet
into the way of peace.*

Luke 1:78-79

WELCOME

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Katelyn McWhorter

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 *Partita on "Savior of the Nations, Come"* Sobaje
(for text, see Hymn 14)

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: The Gift of Peace

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 Peace* Catoe & Emmerton Family

On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the
world that surrounds us.

We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look around us, we see the hostility that exists between
neighbor and nation.

We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look beside us, we see fractured relationships and
unforgiving hearts.

We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have
yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.

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 Peace 9 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

†Passing of the Peace Molly Shoulta

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 Malachi 3:1-4 (*OT p.889) Gregg Mealor

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather Hurst

**Holy Baby, Holy Child, we await your coming now.
You bring us hope, you bring us peace, you bring us joy, you bring us love.
Holy Baby, Holy Child, come to us now.**

Children's Message Lloyd Spruill

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

†Hymn 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Woody Catoe

Offertory *Advent Reflection* Patterson

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!**

Anthem

An Advent Garden

Martin

*A tender rose is blooming, a flower pure as snow. The winter air
perfuming, heaven's graceful winds will blow. The gift of love sent from
above will like a garden grow.*

*The desert sands will come alive as streams begin to flow. The barren
lands will bloom and thrive. The hills will be made low. In every place
God's gift of grace will like a garden grow.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the earth lift its voice; for a new rose is blooming
in Zion. Let the garden rejoice.*

*The lion and the lamb will rest. The bear will feed on straw. In Zion
hope will reign at last. A Child will lead them all. The gift of peace will be
released and like a garden grow.*

†Gospel Lesson Luke 1:68-79 (*NT p.58) Woody Catoe

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *It's Time to Burn the Incense* Andrea Dellinger Jones

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

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 13 *Prepare the Way* BEREDEN VAG HERRAN

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

†Postlude *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* Archer
(for text, see Hymn 10)

* 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.