

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:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Children's Worship Leaders:

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson and Katelyn McWhorter

Children (K-2) will be exploring the theme of hope through Jeremiah's prophetic words. Our preschoolers will learn about helping others by exploring the story of David playing music for Saul when he was sad. Wee Worship bags and children's bulletins are available in the vestibule. Please return the bags after worship.

Parents and Children:

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.

Calendar

Sunday, November 29th

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
Children and Youth Pageant Rehearsal	4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 1st

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
"A Time to Remember" Candlelight Labyrinth Walk	5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>Salisbury Steak, Smashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Yeast Rolls & Assorted Desserts</i>	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Advent Workshop	6:30 pm - 7:00 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 **Jonathan Babb (919) 336-4034**

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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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November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

We Worship Our Lord



Emma Lou Martint
Little Buds Tell Us Spring is Near

Then he told them a parable:
'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;
as soon as they sprout leaves you can see
for yourselves and know that summer is
already near. So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that the
kingdom of God is near.'

Luke 21:29-31

WELCOME

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

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life Andrea Dellinger Jones

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 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* Wold

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: The Gift of Hope

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 Hope* Huber Family

We begin the season of Advent with expectant and believing hearts.

We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

During Advent we confront the darkness that so often exists around us.

We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

During Advent we confront the doubt that so often resides within us.

We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

During Advent we confront the division that so often occurs between us.

We wait upon the Lord and place our hope in God's word.

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 Hope 2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

†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 Aaron Hollis

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (*OT p.738)

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Will You Be Ready for the Light?* Patterson

Children and Youth Choirs

People who walk in darkness have seen a great light. The light will shine upon them; may it shine brightly tonight.

*Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine upon you?
Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine?*

Will you be watching? Will you be listening? Will you hear the angels sing? Will you be waiting? Will you be searching for a Savior and a King?

Will you be ready for the light...

*People keep watching true light is coming, look for a bright star in East.
Look for the Christ Child, born in a manger, there you will find the Prince of Peace.*

*Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine upon you?
Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine?*

†Hymn 205 *All Hail to God's Anointed* ELLACOMBE

(Warmth gifts and monetary donations may be brought forward at this time.)

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Jonathan Babb

Offertory *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. Carter

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!**

†Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 (*NT p.85) Jonathan Babb

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Keep Singing* Molly Shoulta

Discipline of Reflection

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

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 6 REGENT SQUARE

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

†Blessing

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

†Postlude Osterland

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending (HELMSLEY)

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would welcome your inquiry.