

DECEMBER 24, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE. AND YOU.



Hayes Barton
Baptist Church

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CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness
on them light has shined.
Isaiah 9:2, NRSV*

ORGAN PRELUDE

Away in a Manger.....arr. Jason D. Payne
Jackson Glover, Organ

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

David Hailey

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF THE SAVIOUR

Mark, Angie, Virginia, and Anne Blake

CHORAL INTROIT

Peace, Hope, Light, Love.....John Purifoy
Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: God, You spoke through Your prophet Jeremiah, saying...

People: I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Leader: Tonight we celebrate the coming of our Messiah, Jesus, Emmanuel, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords...

People: The Prince of Peace, the Everlasting God, the One who was promised.

Leader: We turn our eyes to Bethlehem, to the manger scene, and imagine how this coming child will impact our lives.

People: Let us encounter the Christ-child with wonder and awe, and commit ourselves anew to the love of God manifest in him.

Leader: Lord, we ask for your help never to forget the amazing mystery of the incarnation.

People: Let us love this child, and the man he grew up to be, following his teachings, loving the people he loved, and serving the people he served.

Leader: Let us imagine again a world in which your love rules over all, and then help us to make that world our reality.

ALL: Help us to be people filled with your peace, hope, light, and love. AMEN.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Peace, Hope, Light, Love,
Face of Emmanuel---
Peace, Hope, Light, Love,
God with us now to dwell. (repeat)

***ADVENT PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE, 124**

The First Nowell *Traditional Carol*

SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER

Luke 2:1-20, KJV
Kristen Muse

VOCAL MEDITATION

O Holy Night *Adophe Adam*
Susanna Hailey, soprano
Carter Coleman, violin

SERMON

Imagine... Christ Born in You
David Hailey

THE ORDINANCE OF COMMUNION

Sharing the Bread
Carols, Rejoice *arr. John Purifoy*
Chancel Choir

Sharing the Cup
Still, Still, Still *arr. Mark Hayes*
Jackson Glover, Piano

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, 143**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain *GO TELL IT*

***CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World *arr. Diane Bish*
Jackson Glover, Organ

*Those who are able may stand with ministers and choir.
Our pianist today is Lucy Austin

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Grace for All Nations (Chapel)
- 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service
- 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion Service
- 7:00 PM Living Nativity

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

- 12:00 PM AA Group Christmas Day Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 - OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 12:30 PM AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)
- 5:30 PM Evening Fitness (FLC-Gym)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 7:00 PM Grace Church for All Nations (Chapel)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 8:00 AM Grace for All Nations Bible Study (Chapel)
- 8:00 AM AA Saturday Group (FLC-Rm. 201)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Grace for All Nations (Chapel)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEARS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

- 7:00 AM Yost Men's Bible Study (Rm. 100)
- 10:00 AM Senior Game Day (FLC-Rm. 206)
- 12:30 PM AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)
- 5:30 PM HBBC Ladies Basketball (FLC-Gym)
- 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop Meeting (Rm. 216)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

- 5:00 PM Family Night Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 PM Recreation with Kids (FLC-Gym)
- 6:15 PM The Gathering (Rm. 109)
- 6:15 PM Grade School Electives and Preschool Missions
- 6:15 PM Point5 (FLC-Rm. 200)
- 6:15 PM Words that Hurt, Words that Heal Small Group (Rm. 204)
- 7:30 PM Wednesday Basketball Fellowship (FLC-Gym)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- 10:00 AM Security Review Committee (Rm. 100)
- 12:30 PM AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)
- 5:30 PM Step-Up Ministry Alumni Program (FLC-Rm. 201)
- 5:30 PM Evening Fitness (FLC-Gym)
- 6:00 PM Sacred Rhythms Preview (Rm. 204)
- 6:30 PM Scout District Leaders Meeting (Rm. 106)
- 6:30 PM Junior Basketball Practice (FLC-Gym)

WELCOME VISITORS

We are honored by your presence this morning. We would love for you to record your attendance on the Friendship Pad when it is passed to you and provide information so that we can contact you further.

ENTER TO WORSHIP

This is a holy hour. We invite you to enter this sanctuary with joy and reverence. We invite members and visitors to be seated near the front of the sanctuary to enhance our sense of community in worship. When you have taken your seat, spend a few moments in quiet reflection as you prepare your heart for worship. If the service has already begun, please enter quietly by one of the side aisles. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

RESOURCES FOR HEARING IMPAIRMENT

Hearing assistance devices are available for those who have such need. Please see an usher for more information.

BECOME A MEMBER OF HBBC

Those who desire to join our church may come forward to where the pastor is standing during the Hymn of Commitment. If you would like to meet with a minister before making this decision, any of our ministers would be happy to answer your questions.

FOR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP

Extended Session: Childcare is provided for birth-5 year olds during worship. Children ages 4-5 visit the Sanctuary briefly for the Children's Sermon.

Children's Worship: For 1st-5th graders, 1st & 3rd Sundays during the school year. (Children leave at the designated time during worship and are picked up in Room 11 following worship).

Worship Bags: Worship bags are available at all of the entrances to the Sanctuary to encourage children to participate in worship. Please return them as you leave worship.

ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM, we provide classes for all ages to enjoy Bible study and fellowship. Call the church office for more information.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. David Hailey, Pastor.....drdhailey@hbhc.org
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Jackson Glover, Organist.....cjpglover@email.unc.edu

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Hopefully, you have had some quiet time during Advent to do some imagining. Imagine the shepherds in the fields hearing from the angels, "do not be afraid", or the wise men being told to follow a star to Bethlehem to find this King of the Jews. I believe they must have gazed upon the stars in wonder and excitement and maybe even disbelief that this was happening to them. And Joseph, what would he do? What would people say? I can only imagine. What about Mary? Can you even imagine her thoughts as Gabriel told her she would give birth to a Son, and would name Him Jesus, the Son of God? Maybe, as do we, they looked into the heavens and imagined. "Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light."

Tonight we light the long awaited center white candle, the Christ candle. "Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21, NRSV

Our thanks goes out to Lynn Crawford for the "Imagine" pulpit banner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

Please be part of showing the world Jesus through our Christmas Missions offering this year. The Christmas Missions offering is an opportunity to bless the world through giving. You can designate your gifts to HBBC Missions, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, CBF Global Missions, or a combination of the three. Give using one of the Christmas Missions Offering envelopes or online at www.hbbc.org/give and choosing the fund you would like to apply your gift to. Help us reach our goal of \$25,000. So far, HBBC has given \$17,585 to the Christmas Missions Offering this year.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE IN 2017

Please remember that December 31 is the last Sunday of 2017.

- The Finance office will be open December 28 and 29 if you plan to hand deliver your gift.
- If you plan to mail your gift, it must be postmarked on or before 12/29/2017.
- If you plan to give online, a gift can be made until a few minutes before midnight on 12/31/2017.

Thank you for giving and supporting the ministries of HBBC.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL: DECEMBER 31, 2017

Families with children ages 3 and up are invited to join us for a special Family Sunday School on Sunday, December 31. We will meet at 9:45 in the Hailey classroom for an intergenerational lesson featuring games, activities, and Bible study. A light breakfast will also be served. We hope to see your family there!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: BEGINS JANUARY 7

Have you recently joined HBBC or are you prayerfully considering becoming a member? Are you seeking more information about deepening your relationship with Christ? Do you desire more information about how to join the church or how to find a place of service? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you would be a perfect candidate for Membership Matters: a 5-week discussion group that deals with all of these issues. Susan Hailey, Betty Boyce and Nancy Graybeal serve as facilitators for the class. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in Room 106, beginning January 7. Contact Christine Moore in the church office (cmoore@hbbc.org) for details.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration has opened for Spring 2018 School of Music lessons. Lessons are available for piano, guitar, voice, flute, oboe, brass and more. To find out more about School of Music, or to register, to go www.hbbc.org/schoolofmusic.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration is open for the 2018 Abide Women's Retreat February 2-3 at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill. The retreat cost includes dinner on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, snacks and lodging at the beautiful Rizzo Conference Center, and all retreat costs. For cost and registration details, go to www.hbbc.org/abideretreat or contact Kristen Muse (kmuse@hbbc.org)

ROOTED IN STRENGTH FITNESS CHALLENGE

Rooted in Strength fitness challenge is coming to the FLC. This fitness challenge is for the WHOLE church. Adults and Children! The church's goal will be 75,000 minutes of exercise in 3 months (January-March). That's 150 minutes of exercise for 12 weeks for 50 people! David Keel, FLC Director, will be offering fitness assessment appointments starting in December to give you a personalized plan to help HBBC reach our goal! Stay on the lookout for more information soon!

DISCIPLINES 2018

This year, our congregation will use the Disciplines 2018 as our yearly devotional. Copies are available to purchase in the church office. Regular print edition are sold for \$11, and the large print edition are \$13. If you would like to receive Disciplines by email, you can fill out the form at www.hbbc.org/disciplines2018 and begin receiving them this week. If you are already registered to receive Disciplines emails, there is no need to re-register.



TO GIVE ONLINE

If you are interested in giving online, you may scan the QR code to the left or go to www.hbbc.org/give.

