FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Mark

Portraits of the King
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DECEMBER 23, 2018

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from old, from ancient days. And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they shall live secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and He shall be the one of peace.

_Micah 5:2, 4-5, NRSV_

PRELUDE

_O Come, All Ye Faithful_.................................................................arr. Hayes/Gaspard
Jackson Glover, organ
Lisa Moxley, piano

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Muse

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CHORAL INTROIT

_More Precious than Silver_.................................................................................._Lynn DeShazo_
Chancel Choir

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Kevin and Emily Sudsberry and their children

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

People: In Him is life, and the life is the light of all people.
Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming of Christ into our world.
People: He is the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of the law and prophets.
Leader: He is our eternal sacrifice who died for our sins.
People: He is the King of kings and Lord of lords.
Leader: His kingdom is everlasting.
People: And His love is forever.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER*

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.
(Repeat)
*ADVENT PRAYER
King of glory, we long for Your coming. Open our eyes to Your presence. Enlarge our hearts with Your love. Guide our steps by Your grace. And fill our lips with Your praise. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. We wait for You expectantly with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 102
Joy to the World ................................................................. ANTIOTH
(Children come down on the final stanza for children’s sermon.)

CHILDREN’S SERMON
Sarah Mears

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 125
Angels We Have Heard on High ....................................................... GLORIA

PRESENTATION OF MARK’S GOSPEL AND BANNER

SCRIPTURE READING
Mark 1:14-28, NRSV
(Page 812 in the Pew Bibles)
David Hailey

VOCAL MEDITATION
This Tiny Babe ........................................................................ Page
Ward Page

I have come to make you free
I have come so you’ll believe
I have come to teach, to guide, to love, to save
I have come.

PASTORAL PRAYER
David Hailey

CHORAL PRAISE
What Kind of King ................................................................. arr. Robert Sterling
Chancel Choir

SERMON
As One Having Authority
David Hailey

*HYMN OF REFLECTION, NO. 132
It Came upon the Midnight Clear (Stanzas 1 & 4) .................................. CAROL

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
Jodi Dimond, Foundations Class
OFFERTORY
Sleepers, Wake.................................................................J.S. Bach /Tedd Smith
Jackson Glover and Lisa Moxley, Piano duet

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION
Tyler and Martha Heath and their daughter

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

*CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*ORGAN POSTLUDE
He Is Born ..............................................................arr. Mary McDonald
*Those who are able may stand with ministers and choir.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
9:45 AM  Sunday School
11:00 AM  Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:15 AM  Grace for All Nations (Chapel)
7:00 PM  Living Nativity

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE (OFFICE CLOSED)
4:00 PM  Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM  Grace Church for All Nations Christmas Eve Service (Chapel)
6:00 PM  Christmas Eve Communion Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM  Living Nativity

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
12:30 PM  AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - (OFFICE CLOSED)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
8:30 AM  Bridge (FLC-Rm. 206)
12:30 PM  AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
8:00 AM  Grace for All Nations Bible Study (Chapel)
8:00 AM  AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
9:45 AM  Sunday School
11:00 AM  Morning Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:15 AM  Grace for All Nations (Chapel)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
9:00 PM  Grace for All Nations New Year’s Eve Service (Chapel)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR’S DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)
12:30 PM  AA Epiphany Group Meeting (FLC-Rm. 201)
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.

TODAY’S EXTENDED SESSION HELPERS

Assistant: Matt and Amber Starks; Infants: Sharon Holland, Jonathan Chapman, Sharln Chapman, Wes Cook, Meghan Cook; Ones: Zach Fuller, Rachael Fuller; Twos: David Green, Amy Green; Threes: Mary Doggett, Sandy Elledge; Fours: Peggy Murray, Ashley Ingram; Kindergarten: Charles Hellwig, Kelley Hagerty

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ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. In this season of hope we look to the past and to the future as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our theme for this year is "Portraits of the King." Each Sunday we have introduced a new banner that reflects the unique portrait of Jesus depicted in one of the four Gospels. Today's banner features the face of a lion, which is the ancient symbol for the Gospel of Mark.
UPCOMING EVENTS

LIVING NATIVITY
Join us for a live nativity on the church property December 22-24 from 7:00-9:00 PM. Members dress in costume, and the scene includes live animals and music that starts every half-hour. It is a highly anticipated yearly production that serves both our church and community.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AND PRIVATE COMMUNION
Our Family Christmas Eve worship begins at 4:00 PM and our Communion Christmas Eve Service begins at 6:00 PM. Join us in worship. Private communion will be offered in the Sanctuary from 7:00-9:00 PM.

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 $12,730 to the Christmas Missions Offering this year.

DEACON ORDINATION
Mark January 6 at 3:00 PM on your calendar, and make plans to be part of this special service as we ordain and install our new Deacons who begin their three year service in 2019. What a special time it will be in the life of the church!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS BEGINS JANUARY 6
Membership Matters is a 5-session class that meets during Sunday School starting Sunday, January 6 to provide newcomers perspectives on living in faith at HBBC. This class is open to all visitors and new members alike. To sign up, please contact our church office at (919) 833-4617 or celler@hbbc.org.

WOMEN’S RETREAT
The 2019 Abide Women’s Retreat will be February 15-16, 2019 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. The cost is determined by the number of ladies in a room: $325 (single); $250 (double); $225 (triple). You can also join us for Saturday only for a reduced rate of $100/person. An optional dinner outing will be on Saturday (cost not included) and Bed & Breakfast for the second night (Sat): $200 for single; $110 double; $80 triple. There is a $75 non-refundable deposit due by Sunday, January 6. Register and pay online at www.hbbc.org/abideretreat or turn in your check to the church office with Women’s Retreat in the memo line. Sponsorships are available. If you can’t attend this year’s retreat, consider helping someone else attend. Contact Kristen Muse (kmuse@hbbc.org) for sponsorship information.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC REGISTRATION
Registration has opened for Spring 2019 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, go to www.hbbc.org/schoolofmusic.

END OF YEAR GIVING
It’s such a busy time of year, we need to remind everyone that the last two Sundays in December are the 23rd and 30th. This results in a very short work week for the administrative staff. So, if you would please be mindful of the dates provided below, we are going to be here to receive your end of year gifts on a limited number of days. Please REMEMBER the LAST Sundays of 2018 are December 23rd and December 30th.
If you plan to hand deliver your gift, the church office will be open Thursday and Friday December 27th & 28th and Monday, December 31.
If you plan to mail your gift, it must be postmarked on or before 12/31/2018.
If you plan to give online, it can be made until a few minutes before midnight on 12/31/2018.
If you want to give by text, text to THIS number: 73256 with the message “HBBC $your gift amount”.
Your gifts make a difference.

2019 ROOTED IN STRENGTH FITNESS CHALLENGE
HBBC’s three-month fitness challenge is coming soon to help you stay motivated through the new year (January 1-March 31). The churchwide goal this year is to track 85,000 minutes of exercise. There will be two prizes given away this year. One for the person with the most minutes exercised and another for anyone that maintains or loses weight during the three month challenge. Contact David Keel (dkeel@hbbc.org) to sign up!

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.