

December 18 - 8:30 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Night of Nights

Wendy Harbarger and Reed Musgrove
(please observe quiet time as we prepare for worship)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Elbert & Joyce Tannreuther

*HYMN NO. 217 *Away in a Manger*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 7:10-16

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Holy Night* Reed Musgrove

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

(Please put your completed communication card in the offering plate.)
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)

Offertory *We Three Kings*

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

*GLORIA PATRIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MESSAGE "The Journey: Nazareth To Bethlehem" Rev. Joel Harbarger

*HYMN NO. 218 *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates Congregation to Stand if Able

December 18 - 10:45 am

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Angels We Have Heard on High
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Bob & Barb Riggs

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PRAYER RESPONSE *There's Something About That Name*
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name!

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SPECIAL MUSIC *Silent Night, Wondrous Night* Chancel Choir

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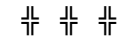
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Loose	\$192	\$55	\$9,408	\$8,712

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Tuesday	10:00 pm	Share Group/Parlor
	2:00 pm	Loss Recovery Group/Parlor
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts/Rm. 6 & 7
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee/MR
Wednesday	11:00am	Yoga/AH
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
Thursday	10:00 am	Pastor's Advent Study/MR
	6:00 pm	NA/MR
	7:00 pm	Rekindled/AH
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Friday	11:00 am	Yoga/AH
Saturday	6:30 pm	Christmas Music
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