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 “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”
 – Matthew 2:2

December 29, 2019 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome

Prelude Now the Holly Bears a Berry Biery
 Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Call to Worship

* Hymn Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Come and worship, come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,
 God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
 Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
 Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:

* Affirmation of Faith The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Congregational Response REGENT SQUARE

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
 Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:
 Come and worship, come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

* Prayer of Adoration

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin

Old Testament Lesson Job 7:1–8
 This is the word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession
 Gracious God, we confess that as sinners we have nothing to offer You. Yet in our emptiness we are full of pride. We often desire earthly treasure and pleasure to fill us instead of desiring the fullness of Your Spirit and the blessing of Your presence. Help us to humble ourselves, to see our own emptiness, and to find fullness of joy in the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing in our hands we bring, simply to the cross we cling. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

Assurance of Pardon Dr. King Counts

* Hymn On Christmas Night All Christians Sing SUSSEX CAROL

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;
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 News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;
 Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
 When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
 When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
 Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;
 All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night:
 “Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen.”

God Calls Us to Give and Serve

God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem Father of Mercies with He Loved Me So Traditional/Dailey
 Mr. Jerry Jennings, soloist

* Presentation of Gifts GREENSLEEVES

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
 The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.
 (Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church, room #38.)

* Prayer of Dedication

God Calls Us to Study His Word

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Luke 1:51-53
 All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Sermon Overcoming Inner Emptiness Pastor Heath Cross

Prayer of Supplication

God Calls Us to His Table

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread A Carol Medley arr. Guthrey
 Mr. Mike Guthrey, harmonica, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn Hark! the Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
 With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
 Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail the heav’nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

* Benediction

* Postlude Masters in This Hall Biery
 Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We warmly welcome you this morning and invite you to the cafeteria following the service for refreshments and fellowship.

New Building Needs: Thank you for your donations to the youth room. We are looking for one last item: a PlayStation 4 Slim with 3 additional wireless controllers. The church will also be in need of a **golf cart** to shuttle older members from the parking lot to the church building. Please contact Lu Miller with questions.

New Sunday School class: Pastor Heath Cross has begun a Sunday School class series on the topic of discovering God’s will for your life. He will share his testimony of reading Genesis 3 as a non-believer and how it led him to seek God’s will for his life. The class meets in Room 37.

Need donations: Every Sunday in January, SVC will again be collecting warm clothing for the Nashville Rescue Mission. We are accepting donations for men, women and children of coats, jackets, sweaters, pants, socks, hats, gloves, and blankets. (Please, no summer clothing.) Place your clean items in heavy duty plastic bags and bring them to the lobby on Sundays. Our security and valet parking crew will assist you if you need help unloading. For more information, contact Prudy Nichol.

Congregational Meeting: The Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 19, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of voting upon the following deacon and elder candidates: deacons, Mr. Kevin Burr and Mr. Will Powell; elders, Mr. Cullen Smith and Mr. Tom Smith.

SVC Men’s Bible Study: Mr. Craig Valentine has offered to lead a men’s Bible study after the first of the year. If you are interested in participating please speak to Craig or sign up in the school lobby. Details regarding the day, time and location for the study are forthcoming.

Carpooling: If you are currently carpooling to church on Sundays, please confirm that your arrangement will continue in our new church home. If you need a ride now or when we move to the new church building, please contact Roy Pearson.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating Budget	Budget	Actual	Over/(Under)	Total Annual Budget
Year to Date Income (July 1 through Nov. 30)	\$565,927	\$556,805	(\$9,122)	\$1,462,618

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

Today, 8:20 a.m.
Today, 9:00 a.m.
Today, 10:00 a.m.
Monday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday

Officers’ prayer meeting, Room 18
Sunday School for all ages
Worship service
Building Committee meeting (6000 Pasquo Road)
Church office closed

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Emeritus</u>
*Mike Bishop	*John Avery	*Keith Day	Joe Eades
*Ron Kimery	*Bob Edwards	Danny Hale	Charlie Fentress
*Jim Spann	*Louis Joseph	*Bill Kenny	Clarence Sutherland
	*Dale Lewelling	Dick Speece	
		William Tice	
		Walt Valentine	
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DEACONS

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Bill Clark	Ron Hamilton	Dick Baxter
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Roy Pearson	Mike Miller	Bill Serie
Vernon Prevatt		Caleb Raymer

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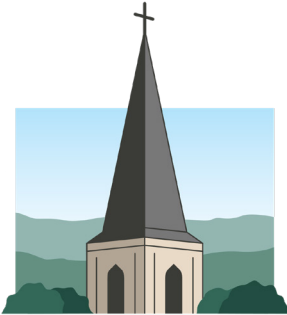
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