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PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

UMH# 211 (5&6)

5 O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe for us the heavenward road and bar the way to death's abode.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel

6 O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar! Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “O Come All Ye Faithful”

UMH#234

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2. True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; (Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; (Refrain)

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee with love and awe. Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? (Refrain)

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

SPECIAL MUSIC



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SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-18 (NRSV)

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with¹⁷ the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3:7-18 (NLT)

⁷ When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?" ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ⁹ Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire."¹⁰ The crowds asked, "What should we do?"¹¹ John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."¹² Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?"¹³ He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires."¹⁴ "What should we do?" asked some soldiers. John replied, "Don't extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay."¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with¹⁷ water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.

SERMON

"We Show Up"

Rev. Claudia Stallings

**PRAYER &
LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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, for
ever.
Amen.

**CONSECRATING OUR
TITHES & OFFERINGS**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

"I Want to Walk As a Child of The Light"

UMH#206

I want to walk as a child of the
light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to
the world
The star of my life is Jesus

I want to see the brightness of
God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness
shine on my path
And show me the way to the
Father (Chorus)

Chorus:

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both
alike
The Lamb is the light of the city
of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

I'm looking for the coming of
Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with pa-
tience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus
(Chorus)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Prayer Requests

Matt Amason
Lois Crafton
Lucille Lane Bean
Rev. Tom Brown
Emily Bucknam
Peggy Burch
Donna Campbell
Erica
Jimmie Early

Mitch Early
Sandy Gentry
Elnora Holmes
Nancy Hulon
Joanne Jenkins
Brittany Johnson
Maureen
Debbie Mullins

Frances Nunnally
Frances Owen
David Pittman
Sara Katherine Reid
Amy Salley
Darlene Thomas
Iris Ward
Shirley Wiegand

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **CHURCH ADVENT STUDY**

“Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels”

December 12 & 19 at 9:00am in the

Ramsey Sanctuary. If you would like a participant book, please contact the church office at 804-276-4628 or admin@ramseymemorial.org

- **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**

Friday, December 24

Church Sanctuary

Spanish at 5:30pm

English at 7:30pm

Come and bring a friend or family member.

- **LIVING NATIVITY**

It's that time of year!

Ramsey will be presenting both Bethlehem and Living Nativity from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (on the following nights) :

Wednesday, December 22nd (Bethlehem and nativity)

Thursday, December 23rd (Bethlehem and nativity)

Friday, December 24th (nativity only)

Make the Living Nativity part of your Christmas celebration this year and please invite others to join you!

*Lots of help is needed with the Bethlehem and Living Nativity so anyone who is interested please contact Tammy Howe (2razoo@gmail.com) or Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net)

- **2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2022 church envelopes are on a table near the elevator on first floor for you to pick up today. If you see one for your neighbor, please pick it up and deliver to them to save us postage. Thank you.