

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Acolytes

(4:00 p.m.)

Posie Bounds & Max Bearden

(6:00 p.m.)

Lilla and Wells Vandevere

Advent Candle

(4:00 p.m.)

Glen, Kim, Sarah, and Sophie Swan

(6:00 p.m.)

Kirk, Marcy, Kathryn, and Will Scoggins

Scripture Readers

(4:00 p.m.)

Robert McElroy

(6:00 p.m.)

McKinley Hutto

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Barry Male

Rev. Cory Phillips

Rev. Linda Rickman

Steve Potter

Musicians:

Lori Blount

Donna Banks

Chris Blount

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Candlelight Communion Service



*December 24, 2023
Madison Methodist Church*

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 2023

GATHERING MUSIC

Chris Blount

WELCOME

CAROL

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace; and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord!*

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.

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

A TIME MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN

Reneè Scales

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

OFFERTORY

Haley and Maddie Gall

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.*

SERMON

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ ... And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us ... all honor and glory is yours Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING IN THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE