

# Welcome!

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We are glad you've come to worship our Risen Lord. If this is your first time with us, be sure to fill out a visitor's card and put it in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit. Please let us know if we can be of any spiritual assistance. Thank you for visiting with us today.

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DECEMBER 22, 2019

## Morning Worship

Welcome & Announcements  
Hymn #230 – “Still, Still, Still”

Prayer

Choir – “He Is Born”

Hymn #210 – “Ring the Bells”

Hymn #219 – “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

Offering

Special Music

**MESSAGE – WHY *BETHLEHEM?***

Hymn #226 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Benediction

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## Evening Worship

Hymn #207 – “He Is Born”

Prayer

Favorite Carols

Communion

Hymn #199 – “Joy to the World”

Benediction

We trust that you and your family  
will have a blessed Christmas celebrating  
the birth of our Savior.

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## Tonight's Service

This evening is our annual Carols and Communion service. “Plan A” for this evening is to sing a carol or two and have a brief time of communion before going caroling at the Roberts' home, since it's difficult for Terry to get out of the house due to his recent ankle replacement. If it is raining, we'll go to “Plan B,” which is just our traditional service that will involve singing more carols at the church before communion.

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## Year-end Schedules

Choir has a break from rehearsal for the holidays. Practice will resume on Sunday, Jan. 5 at 4:00 p.m.

There will be no mid-week service this Wednesday evening, but prayer meeting will resume at its regular time on Jan. 1.

December 29 is a fifth Sunday this month, so that morning we will all be encouraged to make our last contribution this year to the church Benevolence Fund. For the evening service bring your Christmas leftovers (or other food) for a light meal for our regular “fifth Sunday fellowship” at 5:00 p.m.

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## Offered Thanks

Special thanks to Lynn Garland for making the church and fellowship hall beautiful with the Christmas decorations.

From the Pastor: “Thank you, once again, for your generous Christmas gift. It is greatly appreciated and you are greatly loved!”

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
(Children's Church)  
Choir Practice..... NONE THIS WEEK  
Evening Worship Service .....5:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Prayer & Worship Service..... NONE THIS WEEK

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## WEEKLY GIVING

**Weekly General Budget ..... \$2,000.00**  
Offering 12/15..... \$1,330.00  
**Weekly Missions Budget .....\$426.92**  
Missions Offering 12/15 ..... \$335.00

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## NURSERY SCHEDULE

Morning Service – Tracey S. / Anna S.

Evening Service – Chad & Trina H.



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## PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you need a prayer request circulated on our prayer line, please contact Mrs. Elaine Hefner (706-215-9135) or Pastor Downey (706-548-6563). Remember to pray for the shut-ins and sick in our church; send them a card or give them a call.

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