



May Memorial Baptist Church

December 15, 2019
The Third Sunday
of Advent

*This is the House of God,
All Are Welcome!*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Edwards

Duet

Anna Maples Dombo & Joan Maples
arr. Ovid Young

O Come, All Ye Faithful

* Carol of Praise No. 88

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

* Invocation

Michael Edwards

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

Juston, Joy and Payton Sanudo

Reading

Congregational Carol

VENI EMMANUEL

O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel (St. 3)

John Mason Neale

(The Candle is Lit as congregation sings)

O come, O come, O Lord of might, and to your tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Congregational Prayer

Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS AND HEARS GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

Children are invited to move to the front of the sanctuary as all sing Hymn No. 344 ***Jesus Loves Me***. After the *Doxology*, children ages 3 through Kindergarten who remained in worship with their families may exit for Extended Session.

Pastoral Prayer (ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Michael Edwards

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 that 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.

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

* Stewardship Carol No. 85

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Traditional English Carol

Worship in Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Solo

Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

* Doxology No. 253

Juston Sanudo

Anna Maples Dombo

American Folk Song, arr. Richard D. Row

OLD 100TH (Altered)

Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Anthem

Bethlehem Promise, Bethlehem Joy

Adult Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

We Need Joseph

Michael Edwards

* Hymn of Response

Light Dawns on a Weary World

(see next page)

TEMPLE OF PEACE

William Rowan

1 Light dawns on a wea-ry world when eyes be-gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea-ry world when hun-gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea-ry world when crea-tures, once for -

see all peo-ple's dig-ni-ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil-dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil-der-ness re-born. Hope blooms in a

wea-ry world: the prom-ised day of jus-tice comes.
 wea-ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen-ty comes.
 wea-ry world: the prom-ised green of E-den comes.

Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing-ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.

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* Congregational Benediction (see screens)

* Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

arr. Paul Manz

Announcements:

Mid-Week Advent Service – Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

Agape Feast at the Potters - At the Potter's home between 1:30 and 3:30 on December 22.

Our address is 3581 Richards Run. ~ Rudy and Judy. Complete details in the *Newsletter*.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – December 24, 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Ashley Edwards, Minister to Children and Youth, Michael K. Edwards, Pastor
 Joan B. Maples, Minister of Music, Mary Ellen Balarzs, Organist*

May Memorial is grateful for the poinsettias which lend beauty and inspiration to our service at this joyous time. They are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of the following persons:

In Loving Memory Of:

*Shirley Boelt
Betty Bodsford
Al & Gladys Boswell
Al Boswell, Jr.
Brant Cover
Our Parents
Margaret Baughan
Rev. James A. & Faye Evans
Gail DeNoon
Gail DeNoon*

Gail DeNoon

*P.L. and Betty Jane Duncan
Janice Hagen Mitchell
Carter Eike
Billy, Charlotte and Jane and Wiley*

Given By:

*Bev and Kemper Baker
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Jan Boswell
Jan Boswell
Pat Cover
Gary and Sandra Cowles
Constance and David Deal
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Snead DeNoon
Wilson and Cindy DeNoon, Tammy &
Brian Leddy, Charlie and Regina Hite
Christopher, Courtney, James, Avalon
and Margaret Gail
Lee and Paula Duncan
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Nina and John Eike
Chris & Beth Goodwyn*

<i>Gerald L. and Eva Mae Hagen, Sr.</i>	<i>Gerald and Gwen Hagen, Jr.</i>
<i>Horace T. & Norma Lucas</i>	<i>Gerald and Gwen Hagen, Jr.</i>
<i>Janice Hagen Mitchell</i>	<i>Eva Mitchell</i>
<i>Shari Krueger</i>	<i>Gene and Jeanan Krueger</i>
<i>Our Parents</i>	<i>Paul and Jackie Lindsey</i>
<i>Our Parents</i>	<i>Martha and Lester Oberg</i>
<i>Our Parents</i>	<i>Ed and Debbie Mottley</i>
<i>Joyce Maxey</i>	<i>Juston and Joy Sanudo</i>
<i>Watt Flippo</i>	<i>Juston and Joy Sanudo</i>
<i>Harold Stephens & Buford Stephens</i>	<i>Shirley Stephens and Family</i>
<i>Alice Moore</i>	<i>Rebecca Thomas</i>

Our Parents:

<i>Elton & Pauline Harris</i>	
<i>Linwood & June Williams</i>	<i>Irvin and Carol Williams</i>
<i>Raleigh and Dorothy Willis</i>	<i>Jimmy Willis</i>
<i>Betty Jane and P.L. Duncan</i>	<i>Jimmy Willis</i>
<i>Kara Ann Bass</i>	<i>Bob and Nancy Wood</i>
<i>Elizabeth Talmadge</i>	<i>Bob and Nancy Wood</i>

In Honor Of

<i>Courtney and Joshua Deal</i>	<i>Constance and David Deal</i>
<i>Pal and Patsy Goodwyn</i>	<i>Chris and Beth Goodwyn</i>
<i>The best parents/inlaws in the world</i>	<i>Juston and Joy Sanudo</i>