THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

15 December 2019 Mosaic Worship 11:00 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

The longer I live, the more I read, the more patiently I think, and the more anxiously I inquire, the less I seem to know ... Do justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly. This is enough.

John Adams, The Letters of John and Abigail Adams

At this point, I'd been First Lady for just over two months. In different moments, I'd felt overwhelmed by the pace, unworthy of the glamour, anxious about our children, and uncertain of my purpose. There are pieces of public life, of giving up one's privacy to become a walking, talking symbol of a nation, that can seem specifically designed to strip away part of your identity. But here, finally, speaking to those girls, I felt something completely different and pure—an alignment of my old self with this new role. Are you good enough? Yes, you are, all of you. I told the students of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson that they'd touched my heart. I told them that they were precious, because they truly were. And when my talk was over, I did what was instinctive. I hugged absolutely every single girl I could reach.

Michelle Obama, Becoming

Candle Lighting

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

GRACE

Prelude

Noel Nouvelet (Sing We Now of Christmas) Marjorie Bagley Trad. French Carol

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★ Call to Worship

Who among us does not have dreams that this year will be different? Who among us does not intend to go peacefully, leisurely, carefully toward Bethlehem, for who among us likes to cope with the commercialism of Christmas which lures us to tinsel not only the tree but also our hearts? Who among us intends to get caught up in tearing around and wearing down? Who among us does not long for:

gifts that give joy? shopping in serenity? cards and presents sent off early? Long evenings by the fireside with those we love? And the children! The children cheerfully talking about giving instead of getting?

Who among us does not yearn for time for our hearts to ponder the word of God? Moments of kneeling and bursts of song? The peace and quiet of our spirit's journey?

This year we intend to follow the Star instead of the crowd. But, of course, we always do intend the best.

This year, when we find ourselves off the path again, let's not add yet another stress to our Advent days, that of "trying to do Christmas correctly"!

Instead, let's approach the birth of our Lord with joyful abandon! And this year let's do what Mary did and rejoice in God,

let's do what Joseph did and listen to our dreams, let's do what the Wise Men did and go to worship, let's do what the shepherds did and praise and glorify God for all we've seen and heard!

As for the Advent frantic pace, we don't have time for that. We'll be too busy singing! This year will be different.

Ann Weems

★ Prayer of Thanksgiving

★Lighting the Advent Candle: Freedom

Today we light the Candle of Freedom.

Wherever conscience is held captive and liberty denied, let this light shine

Wherever people are imprisoned by their enemies, let this light shine.

Wherever prisons are self-made and condemning hearts are jailers, let this light shine.

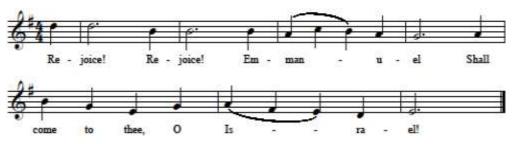
And Jesus said, "The Lord has sent me . . . To proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners."

May this light shine.

⋆ Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Prayer for the World & Unison Response

Give us the grace and the impatience to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes, to the edges of our fingertips. We do not want our several worlds to end. Come in your power and come in your weakness in any case and make all things new. Amen.

Walter Brueggemann

★Glory to God #127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing we"LL walk in the Light

GROW

New Testament Bible Reading

John 2.1-11 The Message (MSG)

Three days later there was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." Jesus said, "Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me." She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it." Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the servants, "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the brim. "Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host," Jesus said, and they did. When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, "Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!"

This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Do You Hear What I Hear? Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne Adult Choir arr: Harry Simeone

Children's Sermon

Wavne Jones

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room, children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110), 2nd graders & older may return to their seat.

Sermon Mother Mary, Enoughness, & Wild Space Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

Don't make yourself small. Not for anyone. If someone tells you you're too much... too loud, too sensitive, too fierce, too caring, too intellectual, too optimistic, too realistic, too logical, too emotional... just smile and move on, my friend. Clearly, they aren't enough for you.

L.R. Knost

⋆ Prayer of Confession

Lord God, forgive our weary dreaming that gives up on the hope of seeing justice roll down like waters, a peaceable kingdom, and truth to set us free. Lord God, forgive our tired singing that sets no rafters ringing: with peace on earth, goodwill to all, with the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and with joy to the world. Give us grace, O God, that these days of our lives be filled with vision and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Leader: You are loved. You are forgiven. So be at peace.

GIVE

★ Glory to God #129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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⋆ Offertory Prayer

It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack.

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Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Louis Redner

⋆ Response

Doxology 27

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace.

Thank God you are here!

⋆ Benediction Michael Usey

* Response Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



⋆ Postlude

What Child is This?

Trad. English Folk Song

Depart in Peace

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life, unless I buy something.

Jackie Mason

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Hayley Turner.

The Deacon Greeter today is Keith Burkhead.

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Land Acknowledgment: This worship service is taking place on land that belonged to the First Nation tribes of Eno, Catawba, Sakori, and Sappony, who stewarded this land for generations.

★ Please stand as you are able.

Sunday Announcements



Creation. Care. Consideration.

Use reusable items whenever possible to limit the trash in landfills. While disposable items are super convenient, anything made to only use one time and throw away should be avoided. Not only do they create more environmental waste, they end up costing you more money in the long run.

Girl Scout Chili Sale

The Girl's Scout will have their annual Chili Sale after service today. The cost is \$8.00 per quart. There are beef and vegetarian options.

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30pm—Christmas Dinner

7:30pm— Choir Practice

Youth Activities - Sunday Evening

5:00—8:00pm Youth Christmas Party @ Spare Time Bowling

Advent Artwork

Our theme for the Advent Season in *One Tough Mother*. Included in our decorations are images of Mary and Jesus from around the world. We invite you to journey around the sanctuary and chapel to take in these stunning images.

Tai Chi

Tuesdays @ 7pm in Forest Chapel. (Note: There will be no Tai Chi on December 24 and 31.)

Christmas Dinner

Our annual church Christmas Banquet will be Wed. December 18 at 5:30pm. Catered by Maria's, the meal will include vegetarian options. Cost \$10 person, \$40 max per family. Children under 5 eat free! Please make your reservations by calling the Church office at 336-273-1779 or email cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net.

Books! Books! Books!

Do you have any recent (current) books just sitting around your house? Well, here is your chance to put them to good use! Bring those recent or current books to the church and donate them to be used by school libraries in need. The books will be collected each Sunday. Place books in the basket under the table in the foyer.











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<u>Dec. 22</u> Jeremy Fox Murphy Townsend

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