

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

22 December 2019  
Mosaic Worship  
11:00 AM  
GATHER

### Meditation of Preparation

*Don't just learn, experience.  
Don't just read, absorb.  
Don't just change, transform.  
Don't just relate, advocate.  
Don't just promise, prove.  
Don't just criticize, encourage.  
Don't just think, ponder.  
Don't just take, give.  
Don't just see, feel.  
**Don't just dream, do.**  
Don't just hear, listen.  
Don't just talk, act.  
Don't just tell, show.  
Don't just exist, live.*

Roy T. Bennett, *The Light in the Heart*

### Candle Lighting

### Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

## GRACE

### Prelude

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

John Francis Wade

### ★ Call to Worship

Into the stable they straggled, poor and dirty, hardly suitably dressed for polite society.  
Had we been Joseph, we would have feared robbery.  
Had we been Mary, we would have feared germs around our newborn.  
Had we been God, these are not ones we would have chosen to first come and see the child.  
After all, they showed a certain carelessness about the rules of the church.  
And yet, God-chosen, they came to kneel and worship him whom we would later call the Good Shepherd.  
Perhaps we could brush up on our humbleness.

Ann Weems

### ★ Prayer of Thanksgiving

### ★ Lighting the Advent Candle: Grace

Today we light the Candle of Grace.  
Wherever people have fallen short or fallen by the wayside, let this light shine.  
Wherever there are people longing to be accepted and hearts longing to be heard, let this light shine.  
Wherever pilgrims are searching for a home, let this light shine.  
**And Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**  
Let this light shine.

### ★ Response

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL



### ★ 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 #140

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

## GROW

### New Testament Bible Reading

Luke 2.8-20 The Message (MSG)

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches **over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."** At once the **angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:** Glory to God in the heavenly heights, Peace on earth to all humanity, with whom God is pleased. As the **angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us."** They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed. Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out **exactly the way they'd been told!**

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.

### Special Music

*O Holy Night*  
Jan Efflandt and George Dent

John S. Dwight  
music by: Adolphe Adam  
arr: Gary Lanier

### Children's Sermon

Walt Pickard

*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

*Mary Meets the Nurf Herders*

Michael Usey

### Moment of Silence

*Behave like humans, and not like witless sheep.*

Dante Alighieri, *Paradiso*

### Prayer of Confession

*Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all the time, but all of us misunderstand you some of the time: Your thoughts on happiness; Your ideas on giving; Your way of making whole. These are not always our ready choices. Give us faith, we pray, to risk a dangerous hope, to be ready to think as you teach, and to act as you lead. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Silence

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

## GIVE

### ★ Glory to God #132

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

### ★ Offertory Prayer

*Life is not lost by dying; life is lost minute by minute, day by dragging day, in all the thousand small uncaring ways.*

Stephen Vincent Benét

### Offertory

*The Holly and the Ivy*

Trad. British Folk Carol

### ★ Response

*Doxology 27*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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! Alleluia!

### ★ Recognition of New Members

*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*

Text: Charles Wesley  
Music: Rowland H. Prichard



★ Postlude *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Gloria Shayne

Depart in Peace

*Collect the unusual so you have things to ponder.*

Scaylen Renvac

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 Rachel Kirkman.  
The Deacon Greeter today is Lexi Eagles.

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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.

The art on the cover is *Madonna and Child* by Harmonia Rosales.

★ Please stand as you are able.



THE 13 VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

- Worship the Living God corporately and privately.
- Enjoy fellowship with a community of faith.
- Provide quality Christian education for all ages.
- Support varied missions activities both here and abroad.
- Encourage creativity.
- Honor the integrity of the family, in all its various forms.
- Value an inclusiveness of all who confess Jesus is Lord.
- Use excellent music to praise and enjoy God.
- Promote radical stewardship of all talents.
- Plan for the future so the Church will flourish.
- Respect the diversity of our members.
- Be faithful to historic Baptist beliefs and Christian history.
- Encourage a deep Christian curiosity and spiritual openness.

## Sunday Announcements



### Creation. Care. Consideration.

Choose more local, organic and seasonal food. This will reduce unnecessary transportation, keeping the air and environment cleaner and your body healthier.

#### 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.

#### Christmas Eve Offering

Our Xmas eve offering is again going to Charity:Water and CPBC's campaign is One Tough Mother Gives Water. Our goal is \$2500. In 2018, we gave over \$3,000. Let's do it again, so please consider giving to the campaign even if you're not at our Xmas eve service (at 5:00 pm 12/24). It's an excellent way to honor the birth of Jesus, and especially the courage, wisdom, and grace of Mary, that one tough mother.

<https://my.charitywater.org/mi.../one-tough-mother-gives-water>

#### Out of The Garden

Out of the Garden Mobile Food Market is today from 2:15—3:30 at Lindley Elementary.

#### January Worship Theme: She Shall Prophecy

Preachers for the series will include:

- January 5—Rev. Amanda Owens
- January 12—Rev. Pam Strader
- January 19—Rev. Lesley Ann Hix Tommey
- January 26—Rev. Paula Dempsey

#### Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting is Wednesday January 15 at 6:30pm in Forest Chapel. We will be voting on Trustees, Deacons, and our budget.

#### Wednesday Night Schedule for January

- Jan 8—A Rabbi and A Minister Walk Into a Bar, 6:30pm @ Fat Dogs
- Jan 15—Annual Business Meeting, 6:30 in Forest Chapel
- Jan 22—James Blay leads Bible Study, 6:30 Chapel
- Jan 30—Mosaic Talkback, 6:30pm Sanctuary

#### Youth Activities - Sunday Evening (No Youth Activities Dec. 22 & 29)

Youth Activities will resume January 5.

#### Advent Artwork

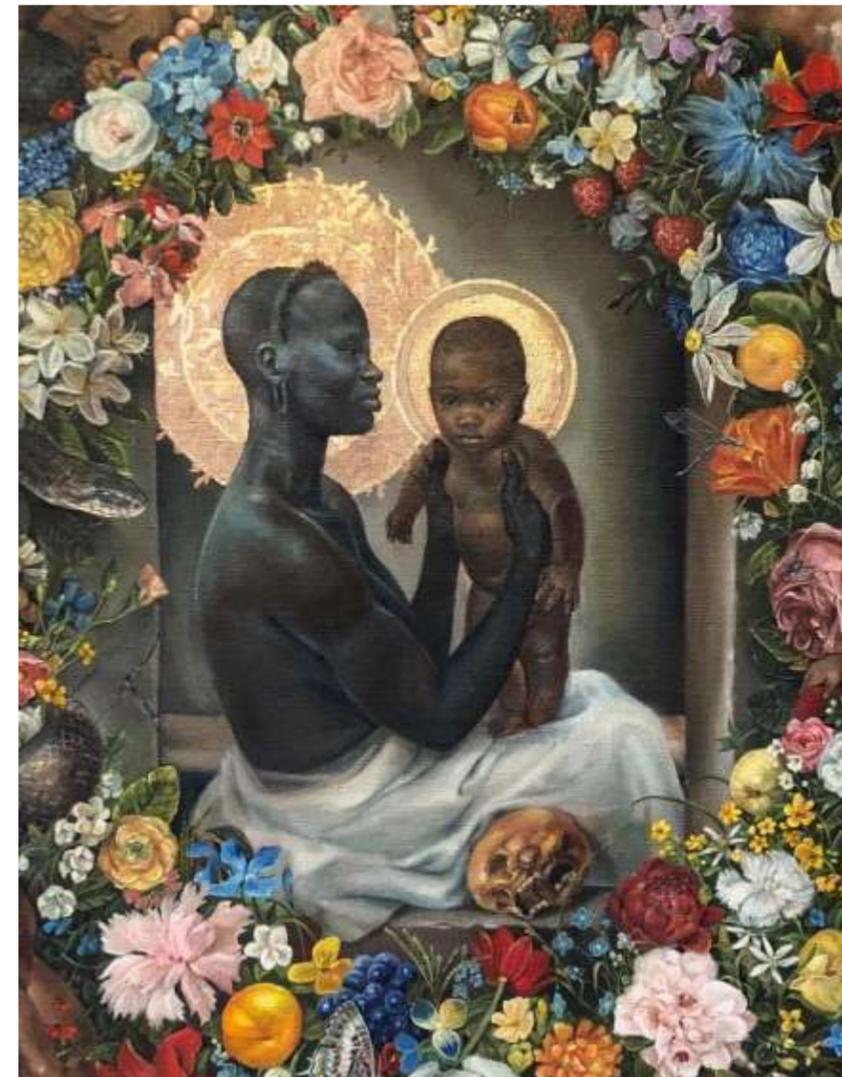
Our theme for the Advent Season in *One Tough Mother*. Included in our decorations are images of Mary and Jesus from around the world. We invite you to journey around the sanctuary and chapel to take in these stunning images.

#### Women of Valor

The Women of Valor Book Club's new book, *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee, is now available for pick up. The next meeting date is Tuesday, January 21 at Lisa Elkins' Home, 6:30pm. Bring a snack to share.

#### Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club

The Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club's new book, *Throne of the Crescent Moon* by Saladin Ahmed, is now available for pick up. The next meeting date is Tuesday, January 28 at Fat Dogs, 6:30pm.



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