



DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Durham, North Carolina

Robert W Bradshaw, Minister

E. Clifford Shoaf, Minister of Education

(Let the people kneel or bow in silent prayer upon entering the Sanctuary)

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Prelude for Christmas Season" Reginald Barrett

THE CHORAL PRELUDE "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep"

XVII Century, Arr by Hugo Jungst

"Silent Night" Franz Gruber, Arr. by LeRoy Wetzel

THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Melody from Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623

(The congregation will rise when the choir stands for the Call to Worship)

HYMN 96 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Source Unknown

18th Century Melody

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

THE ANTHEM "The Shepherds' Story"

Clarence Dickinson

Soprano Solo: Mrs. Joseph McCracken Bass Solo: Dr. C. E. Bartholomew

Nowell! Sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear. To Beth'lem did they go, The Shepherds three: To Beth'lem did they go, To see whe'r it were so or no, Whether Christ were born or no to set men free.

Masters, in this hall, Hear ye news to-day Brought over sea, And ever you I pray.

Nowell! Sing we clear! Holpen are folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear.

Then To Beth'lem town did the Shepherds go, and in a sorry place Heard the oxen low. Therein did they see a sweet and goodly May, And a fair old man; Upon the straw she lay.

Nowell! And a little child On her arm had she "Wot ye who this is?" Said the hinds to me. Ox and ass him know kneeling on their knee: Wondrous joy had I This little Babe to see.

Nowell! This is Christ the Lord, Masters, be ye glad! Christmas is come in, And no folk should be sad.

Nowell! Sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, Born is God's Son so dear.

THE RESPONSIVE READING "Messiah's Reign"

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(Let the people stand immediately for the Reading)

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 6:5-7, 17; Matthew 1:18-21

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Christmas Day"

Gustav Holst

Soprano Descant: Mrs. John L. Woodward

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 86 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Feliz Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

THE SERMON "God's Second Chance for the World"

The Minister

THE CLOSING PRAYER

"Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah"

George Frederic Handel

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE Noel Chant du Roi Rene

Alex Guilmant

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of the Reverend and Mrs. Michael Bradshaw by members of their family.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered last Sunday to Elizabeth Ellen Stephenson, daughter of Dr and Mrs. Harold P Stephenson, 818 Starmont Drive.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Dr. and Mrs. Harold P Stephenson, 818 Starmont Drive, who were received into the fellowship of Duke Memorial Church last Sunday. They come to us from Wesley Methodist Church, Bloomington, Illinois.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Conference has asked each church in the Conference to make a special offering at Christmas for our church at Kitty Hawk. You received a statement about this need as you entered the church today. Our plate offering will go to the Kitty Hawk Church. There are, also, envelopes (plain) in the pew racks that you may use today or later to make a contribution to this cause. The offering in the Christmas envelopes (with candles) goes for our Methodist Home for Children.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Thursday night, Christmas Eve, at 10 o'clock. We invite our members, their families and friends to join in this sacred service that can help prepare us spiritually for Christmas Day. There will be no midweek Prayer Meeting this week.

MY CHRISTMAS WISH

Henry Van Dyke

"I am thinking of you today because it is Christmas, and I wish you happiness; and tomorrow, because it shall be the day after Christmas, I shall still wish you happiness; and so on clear through the year I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away; or because both of us may be very busy; or perhaps I may not be able to pay the postage on so many letters or to find the time to write them. But that makes no difference. The thought and the wish will be here just the same. In my work and in the business of life I mean to try not to be unfair to you or to injure you in any way. In my pleasure, if we can be together, I would like to share the fun with you. What ever joy or success comes to you will make me glad. Without pretense and in plain words, good will to you is what I mean, in the spirit of Christmas."

Robert W Bradshaw

CHRISTMAS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED TONIGHT

A contemporary Christmas drama entitled "A Stranger in Bethlehem" will be presented tonight in the church sanctuary at 7:30 by the Senior MYF. The play deals with an unhappy, poverty stricken home, broken by neurotic parents and delinquent children, and how the real spirit of Christmas helps them find peace and fulfillment. Following the play an Open House Christmas Social for our whole church family will be held in the church basement.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Commission on Education will be held on Monday night at 7:30 in the sixth grade room. One special item of business needs to be dealt with at this time, so all members are urged to attend.

WORDS TO THE ANTHEMS

"Christmas Day" (Offertory)

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born to-day: Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now. Christ is born to-day!

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas day, To save us all from woe and sin, When we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem in Jewry, This blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger, Upon that holy morn; The which His Mother, Mary, Did nothing take in scorn. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath oped the heav'nly door, And man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Come, ye lofty, come, ye lowly, Let your songs of gladness ring, In a stable lies the Holy, In a manger rests the King: See, in Mary's arms reposing, Christ by highest heav'n adored: Come, your circle round Him closing, Pious hearts that love the Lord, Come, ye poor, no pomp of station Robes the Child your hearts adore: He, the Lord of all salvation Shares your want, is weak and poor: Oxen, round about behold them; Rafter's naked, cold and bare, See the shepherds, God has told them That the Prince of Life lies there, Come, ye children, blithe and merry, This one Child your model make; Christmas holly, leaf and berry, All be prized for His dear Sake; Come, ye gentle hearts, and tender, Come, ye spirits, keen and bold; All in all your homage render, Weak and mighty, young and old.

High above a star is shining, And the Wisemen haste from far: Come, glad hearts, and spirits pining: For you all has risen the star. Let us bring the poor oblations, Thanks and love and faith and praise: Come, ye people, come, ye nations, All in all draw nigh to gaze.

Born is the King of Israel.

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart and soul, and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born to-day. Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now. Christ is born to-day!

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one, and calls you all, To gain His everlasting hall: Christ was born to save!

"Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah"

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! Hallelujah.