

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SERVICE OF WORSHIP

TOWER BELLS

4:30pm

WORSHIP

5:00pm

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

ANTHOIM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

WELCOME

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

As the ushers distribute the attendance notebooks, please register your presence as a member or guest.

PRELUDE

Silent Night

arr. R. A. Hobby

GREETING (responsively)

Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,

For eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #238

GLORIA

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world. The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ; the light signifies God's presence with us.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Reid Witte and Annie Witte

A reading from Isaiah 9:5-7:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Lighting of the Advent wreath:

Tonight we light the Christ candle. Christmas symbolizes the fulfillment of God's promise that a Messiah would be sent for all people. The season brings with it the full joy of all of the preparation, the anticipation, and the waiting of Advent. Christ is born. God is with us.

RESPONSE (sung in unison) "Advent Candle Song"

S. Ahner

(see music on next page)

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2011

Light five can - dles: Christ is com - ing, Christ, the Light of the

world. Light the white one: Christ is born, _____

Christ is born to - night! _____

ANTHEM

Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child
Joyful Noise

M. Hayes

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season
when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day
and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.
Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.
Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT, p. 598)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please join in singing #217, "Away in a Manger," as the children come forward.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20 (NT, p. 50-51)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Roger Owens

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

*All extend signs of reconciliation and blessing by greeting one another
with the peace of Christ*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

'Who knocks tonight so late, so late?' The weary porter said.
 Three Kings stood at the gate, Each with a crown on head.
 The serving man bowed down; The inn was full, he knew.
 Said he, 'In all this town Is no fit place for you!'
 A light the manger lit: There lay the Mother meek.
 Said they: 'This place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!'
 They loosed their latchet strings; So stood they all unshod.
 Come in, come in ye Kings, and kiss the Feet of God.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 who 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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who profess or seek faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. At the ushers' direction you are invited to come forward to any station, where you will receive a piece of bread which you will dip into the cup, then eat. All are invited to kneel and pray at the chancel rail after receiving. Please notify an usher if you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion in your pew.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS FOR MEDITATION

#230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"	ST. LOUIS
#218 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"	CAROL
#219 "What Child is This?"	GREENSLEEVES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Help us to wait in hope for the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

AN INVITATION TO CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN #239 "Silent Night, Holy Night" STILLE NACHT
During the singing of "Silent Night" a light will be taken from the Christ candle and passed to each member of the congregation.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Angels We Have Heard Traditional

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

* Please, stand as you are able

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

Prayer List

Prayers for Health: Linda Adkinson, Christen Howlett, Nancy Harrod, Jean Hawkins, Phyllis McLawhorn, Nancy Cool, Alisa Sauvageot, Earl Brown, Wilson Coffin, Minnie Mae Franklin, Florrie Mercer, Richard Sorensen, Lois Vick, Ann Taylor, Donald Long, Ruth Stevens, Marlene Allen

Prayers for Other Needs: Dorothy Harrison, Cole Gross, Brandon Crisp, Julia Davis, Jane Hall, Jordan Hardin, Nancy Hicks, Helen McGlohon, Kym Sells, Sandy Wright, Margaret and Jeff Lowe, Joe Stevens, Polly Gwin

*Prayer request cards can be found in your pew rack and placed in the offering plate or contact Megan Jones in the Church office (meganjones@dukememorial.org)
Requests can be submitted for the printed list and/or the confidential
Uplifters intercessory prayer team list.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Rev. Ginger Thomas

Preacher: Rev. Roger Owens

Lector: David Bradley

Organist: Fred Mason

Tower Bells: Al Buehler,
Stuart McCracken, Fuller Sasser

Choir Director: Bradley Naylor

Joyful Noise Director: Lee Galbreath

Acolytes: Jo Jo Hill, Sydney Hill

Crucifer: Dale Stewart

Altar Guild: Linda and Heather Wilson

Communion Servers: Crystal Miller,
Julie and Kevin Witte, Kathy Bradley

THIS WEEK AT DUKE MEMORIAL

Join us for “Praise in Pajamas” Christmas Day Worship at 10:55am on Sunday (no Sunday school or nursery), and then help greet the new year with Sunday Worship on January 1, 2012 (no Sunday school).

The Church Office will be closed for the holidays through Monday, January 2, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Baby Shower in Honor of Jesus: January 6 is Epiphany, the day the wise men arrived bearing gifts for the new born king. Between now and January 6, we ask that *you* come bearing gifts and place them under the tree for infants in our community. We'll donate them to Welcome Baby, a program of Durham County Cooperative Extension. Greatest needs are hats, gloves, diapers (any size), wipes, formula, pacifiers, bottles, sippy cups, receiving blankets, and sleep sacks.



LOVE OFFERING

In the spirit of Christmas, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has decided to take up a monetary collection for a Love Offering to be shared among the staff of Duke Memorial. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider making a contribution this holiday season as a token of your appreciation of all of the big and small things that our wonderful staff does year round. We also hope that you can do this in the same spirit in which the wise men brought gifts to our savior, Jesus, in celebration of his birth. No gift is too small and, of course, all gifts are tax deductible. Please make your check payable to Duke Memorial and mark it for the Love Offering, sent to the attention of Tim Smith. Your gift can be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate during Sunday worship.

STEWARDSHIP

As we celebrate the season with God's greatest gift to us, remember your church in your giving. Your year-end financial gifts and your giving to complete your 2011 pledge will help Duke Memorial fulfill its ministry commitments for 2011 and be ready for 2012 to be another excellent year of ministry. It's not too late to make a financial pledge for 2012; every dollar pledged will allow us to make an even bigger impact in our community and world through our ministries! Thank you for your generous support of all our missions and ministries—past and future.

Leta Loyd, Finance Chair

Welcome to Worship at Duke Memorial!

If you are a guest, we are excited for you to join us on this special evening of worship. Everything you need for worship can be found in this bulletin. If you have a need, an usher will be glad to assist you. Again, welcome!

MAKING THE MOST OF WORSHIP

Please silence your cell phones during worship.

For Families with Children

Children have an important place in the life of our worshipping community and are invited to be present in worship with their caregivers. The **Lullaby Room** is available behind the sanctuary on the right if you need to step out with your infant. The room has an audio and video feed so that you will not miss any part of the service.

Tonight, nursery is provided for children ages infant-four years. **Infants – Two's** will be in the Butterfly room with yellow door (#242), and parents are given a pager that lights up and vibrates to call them back to the nursery if needed. **Two—Four's** will be in the corner room (#239).

Large print bulletins and sound enhancing devices are available for your use. Please ask an usher. Any usher will be glad to assist you.

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

24 December 2011

Date

USHERS	<u>10</u>
CHOIR	<u>13</u>
LEFT AMEN	<u>28</u>
LEFT	<u>73</u>
CENTER	<u>100</u>
RIGHT	<u>80</u>
RIGHT AMEN	<u>22</u>
BALCONY	<u>42</u>
NURSERY	<u>18</u>
TOTAL	<u>369</u>