

*THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP*

*December 24, 2017*

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

**Silent Meditation:** “Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man – His unspeakable gift of His son, and the gift of man to God – when we present our bodies a living sacrifice.”  
- Vance Havner

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “One Small Child” Choir

\*Opening Hymn “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” No. 251 (vs. 1 & 4)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Mighty God, you have done great things for us,

**People: Look down upon us, O Lord, and magnify your power in our lives.**

Leader: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

**People: We praise your mighty works, your holy name, and your everlasting love!**

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (“Debts”)

\*Gloria Patri No. 813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-15; 17, 19 N. T. Pg. 50

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Anthem “Miracle This Holy Night” Choir

Children’s Song

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*The Doxology No. 815  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Inspiration “We Three Kings” No. 288 (vs. 1 & 5)

Congregational Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Sermon Text Matthew 2:1-2; 9-11 N. T. Pg. 50

Sermon “Show Me a Sign”

\*Closing Hymn “Love Has Come!” No. 256

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

\*Benediction

\*Response “Threefold Amen”

\*Postlude

\*The congregation is invited to stand.

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**WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M**

**OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.**

If you know of someone who is seriously ill or hospitalized,  
please call the church office at 949-1134.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2017**

reminded to begin preparation of their 2017 annual reports as soon as possible. These reports will be due February 11, 2018.

<b>Sunday, December 24</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 12:45 p.m. Village
<b>Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Lower Vestry 1:00 p.m. No Bible Study 7:00 p.m. No Choir 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
<b>Thursday, December 28</b> 2:30 p.m. Cortland Place 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Free at Last
<b>Friday, December 29</b> 9:00-2:00 p.m. Thrift Shop
<b>Saturday, December 30</b> 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop

**NEXT WEEK AT GBC:**

Scriptures: Psalm 148; Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: Joy in Spite of Everything

**REMINDER** – Please refrain from bringing anything liquid into the Sanctuary other than bottled water and baby formula. Please silence cell phones prior to the beginning of the worship service.

**SHARE THE LOVE** – Bears are joining us in the pews as we worship and are waiting to be carried to someone who needs a hug. Visiting children are welcome to take one, and anyone else can take one to bring to someone who needs a prayer and a hug.

**SOUPS ON!** Are you going to visit a shut-in? Do you know someone who is ill? Please take one of our soups from the freezer when you go on a visit. Some soups are available in the lower vestry freezer and more are upstairs in the big freezer. Help yourself.

**2018 ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER** The Annual Meeting of Greenville Baptist Church will be held on March 11, 2018. Officers and board and committee chairpersons are