

Order of Service - November 29, 2020

Prelude: “In the Bleak Midwinter” Gustav Holst, arr. Susan Geschke
Clarion Sounds

Welcome, Mside Moment, Invocation Rev. Jack Dodds

Worship in SongRobert Mitchell
Morningside Ensemble; Congregation; Paula Joye, organ; Gail Medlin, piano
Debby Byars, keyboard (strings); Garrett Watts, keyboard (brass); Joe Magnanti, guitar; Steve Kibbe, drums

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

(Refrain) *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thy advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.* (Refrain)

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.* (Refrain)

CCLI Song # 31982 John Mason Neale | Thomas Helmore © Words and Music: Public Domain

The Meaning of AdventRobert Mitchell

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Morningside Ensemble

*Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!*

*O ye heights of heav’n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing; pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our praises be; honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O holy Ghost, to Thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be: honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!*

CCLI Song # 196968 Aurelius Clemens Prudentius
Henry Williams Baker | John Mason Neale © Words and Music: Public Domain

The Advent Wreath..... Steve, Kimberly, Olivia, Turner, and Asa Kibbe

“Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming” Morningside Ensemble

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!

Of Jesse’s lineage coming as men of old have sung.

It came, a flower bright, amide the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God’s love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night

CCLI Song # 141315 Harriet Krauth Spaeth | Michael Praetorius | Theodore Baker © Words and Music: Public Domain

The Bells of Christmas and the Chrismon TreeRuth Ann Dodds

“Stille, Stille, Stille”.....arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Clarion Sounds

All preschoolers and children are invited to place a Chrismon on the tree at this time.

The GreeneryDean Martin

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Morningside Ensemble

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubin, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Most High.*

CCLI Song # 2780502 Trad. French Carol, Tr. Gerard Moultrie © Words and Music: Public Domain

The PoinsettiasBarbara Brown

Worship in Song: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Congregation

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, joy of ev’ry longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King, born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

CCLI Song # 31999 Charles Wesley | Rowland Hugh Prichard © Words and Music: Public Domain

The Creche Beth Mitchell

“Away in a Manger” Children of Morningside

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is high.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

CCLI Song # 38583 James Ramsey Murray | John Thomas McFarland | Martin Luther © Words and Music: Public Domain

Scripture: John 1:14Malcom McClure

Pastoral PrayerDr. Steven Owensby

Message: *Encounter Jesus Face-to-Face*.....Dr. Owensby

Invitation to DiscipleshipDr. Owensby

Offertory PrayerRev. Laura White

Congregational Chorus “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.*

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Dismissal Instructions Rev. White

Postlude: “What Child Is This?” arr. Larry Shackley
Paula Joye, organ; Gail Medlin, piano

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Hanging of the Green

The ***Hanging of the Green*** service today offers the opportunity to learn traditions behind the decorations we place in the Sanctuary, sing beloved hymns and carols, and share the Christmas story. Join us on this Sunday of Advent as we begin the first of many opportunities to worship together this Christmas season.

Wednesday Night Activities for All Ages December 2 6:00 P.M.

- ♦ **Missions for Children**
- ♦ ***Thrive* for Youth**
- ♦ **Prayer Meeting - Adults**

Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 5 10:00 A.M. - Noon

Christmas crafts, cookies, and fellowship! What a fun time we will have! Meet us in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up **today** with Laura White at lwhite@msidechurch.org.

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 6-13 Pulpit Guest, December 6

Every penny given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is used to support Southern Baptist missionaries as they share the hope and grace we have in Jesus Christ. Southern Baptists have been world leaders in sending and supporting missionaries who share the gospel. The need for more workers and funds to sustain them on the field is enormous, and we must be involved more now than ever. Thank you for praying for our missionaries and for contributing to this need. Duane Ostrem, a foreign missionary, will be our guest speaker Sunday, December 6. Come as he shares his story of being on the mission field.

Mobile Meals Gift Bags

We still have several bags in the vestibule available to fill with the items requested. Please return your bag, secured tightly, to the Church Office **no later than Sunday, December 6.**

Morningside Annual Church Meeting Sunday, December 6 10:40 A.M.

You are invited to a brief annual meeting for the discussion of the Proposed 2021 Budget, immediately following the morning Worship Service. Please pick up and review a copy of the budget, located at the entrances to and exits from the Sanctuary. Following the discussion, those present will vote on the budget. This meeting will be live-streamed on the church website if you are unable to attend.

Sunday School Curriculum

You may pick up your quarterly for the winter semester (December 2020 - January 2021) in your Sunday School classroom. Contact Jack Dodds if you would like him to mail a copy to your home.

Christmas Caroling for the Entire Family Sunday, December 13 4:00 P.M.

We will meet at the church and divide into groups before heading out to the homes of members who are unable to attend church. At 6:00 P.M., we will return to the Fellowship Hall for a meal of pizza, salad, and dessert. Register with Laura White at lwhite@msidechurch.org.

Deacon/Staff/Spouse or Guest Dinner Monday, December 14 6:30 P.M.

All former and current Deacons and their spouse or guest are invited to the annual Christmas dinner in our Fellowship Hall where we will enjoy low country boil. The cost is \$5 per person. Please contact Jody Welch or Wayne Fisher no later than Thursday, December 10, if you plan to attend. Current Deacons are asked to meet at 6:00 P.M. for a brief meeting.

***Rejoice! God's Light Is Come* - Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 20 9:30 A.M.**

Our Worship and Music Ministry will present "*Rejoice! God's Light Is Come.*" From ancient prophesy, to the celebration of the Savior's birth and the salvation given freely to us, let us rejoice in Christ our Savior, the Light of the World!

Youth Christmas Party - Progressive Dinner Sunday, December 19 5:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Meet at the Church at 5:00 P.M. before we head out for our progressive dinner. Sign up in the Youth Room if you plan to attend.

Operation Warmth Project Runs through February

We are collecting coats, hats, sweaters, gloves, and blankets for those in our community who are homeless or of low-income. Please go through your clothes and donate any of these items that you no longer use or want. Boxes are located at various places throughout the church and at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Nursery Schedule

Please arrive by 9:15 A.M.

November 29

Helen Robinson, Kimberly Kibbe

December 6

Ellie Baquiran, Ruth Dodds

Ministers on Call

November 29

Jack Dodds, 590-8951

December 4

Steven Owensby, 590-7985

December 5-6

Laura White, 828-447-2175

Total Returned to God November 22

\$13,697.36

Weekly Needs: \$17,346.01

Mortgage Balance: \$353,547.24

Worship Enhancement: \$560.00

Deacons on Call

November 29 - December 5

Rick Byars, Shirley Bodnar, Malcom McClure

December 6 - 12

Jody Welch, Griffin Graham, Ricky Heath

Financial Report through October 30, 2020

