

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Advent

*“We come to celebrate God’s promises”*

Prelude

Work of the Church

Rev. England Cole

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

“Hope Surrounds  
Our Advent Season”

*Stevens*

Acolyte Greeting

Michael Shepard-Moore

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God’s people on earth. Alleluia!*

\*Hymn Medley

*first and last stanzas only*

#85

“The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

#86

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

#87

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”

ANTIOCH

\*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

David Kreutzer

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.

\*Gloria Patri #252

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.

*“To prepare for Christ’s coming”*

Testimony of Faith

Juanette & Daniel Thomas

Anthem

“Advent Promise”

*Schram*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Children Sunday School

Call to Advent

Come, O Advent God.

**Plant seeds of hope in us that we might be under the care  
of your green thumb forever.**

We wait with anticipation for the One whose coming is  
joyously good news and who offers abundant life.

**Restore us, O God, so that each root and shoot glorifies  
your faithfulness.**

Come, O Advent God.

O.T. Scripture #865

Micah 5:2-5

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle

Collective Prayer

Dear God, healer of all;

the one who made the blind man see  
and the one who made the lame man walk;  
please heal all the people who are sick;  
help the families and friends of sick people  
be brave and supportive;  
guide doctors and nurses to make them good  
caregivers.

Please protect the healthy and keep us safe.

Thank you God, for all healing that comes through you –  
rest,  
sunshine,  
healthy food,  
doctors and nurses,  
medicines,  
miracles.

You are the heavenly healer of all. Amen.

N.T. Scripture#56

Luke 1:26-38

Chorus

“Light the Light, the Fire of Life”  
**Light the light, the fire of life,  
let the candle reveal His glory.  
Jesus Christ has come to earth  
and for us shall come again.**

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**Light the candle of His love,  
light the light of Bethlehem’s stable,  
light the candle of His love,  
light the light by which we see.**

Morning Prayer

Rev. Duncan

Anthem

“Angels’ Carol”

*Rutter*

\*Hymn #88

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

Offertory & Offering

\*Choral Response #89

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

*“To proclaim Emmanuel”*

Anthem

“Glory Is A-Comin”

*Choplin*

Scripture Reading OT#281

II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Sermon

“Hopeful Beginnings”

Dr. Tim Moore

*“To respond in faith”*

Call to Commitment

\*Hymn #94

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

\*Benediction

Postlude

\* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Michael Shepard-Moore, Douglas Kennedy, and  
Matthew Mair..

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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- Christmas Caroling is today from 5-7PM.
- Christmas Eve Worship will be at 6 PM, Dec 24 at the Sardis Meetinghouse.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> we will jointly worship with Sardis Presbyterian and Ben Salem Presbyterian at 10AM at Sardis Presbyterian Church. We will not gather for Sunday school that morning.
- The Church Office will be closed Dec 26 & 27.
- Choir will not rehearse Dec 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustees will meet next on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Our next Taize Worship Service is planned for January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- Sign up in the vestibule to help with Room in the Inn! We host RITI next on January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The Missions Committee is collecting used magazines, playing cards and individual sized soaps, shampoos, & tooth pastes for our RITI guests. Leave your donation in the marked bin in the vestibule.
- Sardis Academy Wednesday night programming begins again January 4<sup>th</sup> and continues Wednesdays in Jan through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sardis Baptist Church Worship Staff**

Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,  
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;  
Rev. Becky Proctor, interim minister of music;  
Irena Hramenkova, pianist.

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*The essence of God  
is not power  
but vulnerable love.*

*-John M. Buchanan*

  
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