Sermon
Pastor Stephen Byrd
Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation
Post-sermon song

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy

Events
1/5 Tanglewood Christmas Party 6 PM
1/7 Ladies Missionary Society 9 AM
1/8 AM Communion
1/9 Foulshers Game Night 6 PM
1/15 C&C Pasta & Prayer 7

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Upcoming Events

Service Times
—Sunday School 9:30 am
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm
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Pastors
Stephen Byrd    Stu Johnston
Michael Lopes    Jones Ndzi

December 25, 2022
Morning Worship

Call to Worship  Pastor Michael Lopes
Opening Hymn  #151 O Come All Ye Faithful
Scripture Reading  1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, page 986
Pastoral Prayer  Pastor Michael Lopes
Offering  What Child is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross He bore for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to crown Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

Preparatory  #168 Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Sermon  Pastor Jones Ndzi
Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation
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Evening Worship

Call to Worship  Dana Goodnight
Opening Hymn  #149 Joy to the World
Scripture Reading  Matthew 1:18-2:15, page 807
Pastoral Prayer  Pastor Stephen Byrd
Offering  O Holy Night

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth,
A thrill of hope the world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend;
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name;
Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
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Preparatory  Angels We Have Heard on High
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains:
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior’s birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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