

Christmas Eve 2009
The First Baptist Church of Lewisburg
7:30 p.m.

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Titus 3: 4-7

Musical Preludes at 7:15 pm Solos, Choral, and Organ

Greetings and Announcements

Introit "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" Harris

Call to Worship Gayle Pepper

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

*Hymn "O Come All ye Faithful" 41

Responsive Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Children's Message

Gospel

Luke 2: 1-20

Anthem

"What Kind of King"

Boeringer

Homily

"Born"

The Service of Communion

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 44

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right that we should.**

(Let us pray)

Minister: It is our duty and our delight, Lord God, to give you thanks and praise for all that you have done for the world. Our hearts are full of gratitude to you, because you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

People: **We thank you that Jesus was born among**

us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

Minister: Remembering these things, we celebrate once again the supper of the Lord. We pray that despite our sins and doubts the Holy Spirit may transform what we are doing, so that as we eat the bread and drink the cup we may share in the eternal life of Christ.

People: **We thank you that we do not celebrate the supper alone, but in company with all your people, past, present and to come. With them and all creation we praise you and say:**

**All: Holy, holy, holy,
Mighty Lord God,
Everything makes your greatness known!**

The Sharing of the Bread

"Lo, How a Rose"

arr. Praetorius

The Sharing of the Cup

"I Wonder as I Wander"

arr. Niles

The Sharing of the Light

(please hold lit candles upright, and tip only unlit candles)

"O Holy Night"

Adam

*Carol

"Silent Night"

Joseph Mohr

(the words are on the other side of this bulletin)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Dismissed to our service in the world

*Standing

Serving Tonight

Acolyte

Max Ororbia

Ushers

Robert Rapp - Captain, David Hall,
Heidi Hall, Mark Bettner

Serving Communion

Terry VanBuskirk, Pat Matrey,

Terry VanBuskirk, Jr., Betsy Henkelman
Bob & Robbie Rapp, Mike & Evan Wilson

Greeter

Kim and Curt Smith

Reader

Gayle Pepper



Holiday

Poinsettia

The poinsettias decorating the church for the season, which may be taken home after services Christmas Eve, have been given:

In Memory of Jessie Soars

In Memory of Earl Maxfield

In Memory of Denny Bower

In Memory of Don Foreman

In Memory of the Nyquist Family by Sally Nyquist

In Memory of Harry Rose by the Rose Family

In Honor of Lloyd Wolf

In Memory of Assunda Rotolo

In Memory of Parents by Gayle & Bill Pepper

In Honor & Memory of Church family by Jan Rolecki

In Memory of Bill & Betty Henkelman by Betsy

Henkelman

In Memory of Dr. Rocco Motto and in Honor of Vee

Motto by Betsy Henkelman

In Memory of Kay Nesbit by Barb & Gib Loyd

In Memory of Ralph & Minto Harris by John & Martha

Zeller

In Memory of Fred & Helen Zeller by John & Martha

Zeller

In Honor and Memory of Loved Ones by the Scotts

In Memory of Herman W. Howard, III, by the Howard

Family

In Memory of our parents by Paul and Pam Mauger

In Memory of our parents by Sallie and Jack Pyper

In Memory of our parents by Martha and Alan Barrick

In Memory of our parents by The Wilson Family

In Memory of Don and Elsie Young by Cathy Platusich

Given by Joel and Barbara Turrell

Given by The Meixell Family

In Memory of Malcolm Goodall by Cookie Goodall

In Honor of Robbie's Christmas Birthday and

In Memory of Robert Rapp, Sr. by the Rapp Family

Given by Art and Audrey Borden

In Memory of Ted, Fay and Ron Morris by the Family

In Honor of Violet and Frank Dietrich by the Family

In Memory of Ed Pangburn by the Family

Silent Night

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.
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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.

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