

**9 AM Worship Service
12.20.09**

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Joy

The Burtons

Unison:

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen

Welcome

Ethan Norman

Song of Praise

Joy to the World (Tomlin)

Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Dr. Bill Barron

Greeting

Children up to 3rd grade meet in the Narthex for KidzServe.
Parents please pick up your children in the Children's Wing.

**Our Offerings to God
Offertory**

Breath of Heaven

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-56

Pew Bible p. 57

Message

"Live and In Person: Worship"

Rev. Bryan Wilson

Song of Response

Here I Am (Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

Ordination and Installation of Deacons (see insert)

Sending Out

Ushers: Sally Bible (H), Meredith Miner, Charlotte Klieman, Mariann Thusen

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are here!

Please fill out a visitor's card found in the pews
and place it in the offering plate or give to an usher.



**Please make plans to join us for one of our special
Christmas Eve worship services:**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

A child-friendly worship by candlelight with
our band and String trio.

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Worship by candlelight with our choir, string quartet, and
soloists.

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Worship by candlelight with string quartet, soloists and
communion.

Announcements

2009 Year-End Giving

*Given the state of our current economy, we thank you for your generous
financial support for the work of God "on" and "off" this hill.
It is important we finish strong financially as a church.
We are counting on everyone to complete their 2009 pledge commitment.
Also, remember the church as you think about "in-kind" gifts
of stocks, bonds, etc. at the close of 2009.*

Next Sunday: December 27th

No Sunday School

Worship Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Rev. Bryan Wilson, preaching from Luke 2:8-20

"Live and in Person: Shepherds"

Church Office

Holiday Hours

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve..... Office Closed

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day..... Closed

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve..... Open until 1pm

Jan. 1st – New Year's Day..... Closed

Sunday, January 3

Worship Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Bill Barron will be preaching from

Romans 7:14-18, 24:8-1

"So Help me God"

11 AM Worship Service

PRELUDE *Christmas Concerto* Archangelo Corelli
Edward Pulgar and Susan Eddlemon, violins
Julie Simpson, viola; Andy Bryenton, cello

WELCOME Rev. Bryan Wilson

TRINITY CHIMES *Four Songs for Voice and Violin* Gusstav Holst
Brenda Luggie, Robin VanLeigh, and Michelle Fratus, sopranos
Susan Eddlemon, violin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY Jimmy and Ileen Cheek
Everyone: We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait, and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 34:1-3]

Leader: Bless the Lord at all times;
Everyone: His praise shall continually be on our mouths.
Leader: Our souls boast in the Lord;
Everyone: Let the humble hear and be glad.
Leader: O magnify the Lord with me;
Everyone: And, let us exalt this name together.

*HYMN #22 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom and for whom all things were made; Whose light shines in the darkness, and Who brings us grace and truth, we confess that we have often spurned Your love, rejected Your gifts, and ignored Your commandments. Please forgive us; and renew our hearts that, with childlike fath, we may claim Your promise that we are the children of God, with every blessing from on high, and thereby honor and glorify Your glorious Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Everyone: We are saved by grace through faith. This is our gift in Jesus Christ!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Henry Greatorex
Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)
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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER *Gabriel's Greeting* Barry Seaman

ANTHEM *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* Antonio Vivaldi

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46-56 Pew Bible, p.57
Leader: This is the word of the Lord
Everyone: Thanks be to God

SERMON *"Live and In Person: Worship"*

OUR OFFERING
Offertory Anthem *Vini, Veni Emmanuel* arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
The Chancel Ringers

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS

Introduction
Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Beloved in Christ: In apostolic times there were Elders, to whom were entrusted the oversight and leadership of the Christian Churches, and concerning whom the Apostle Paul advised that they who ruled well should be counted worthy of double honor. Therefore, this Church has from the beginning included in its government not only Ministers, who are to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments in the name of Christ and as His representatives, but also Elders chose by the people to represent them, and to be joined with Ministers in the exercise of the government and discipline in the Church.

These Elders in each congregation, together with the Minister, constitute the Session, to which it is committed to admit members, and to supervise the worship, provide for the teaching, direct the activities, and promote the spiritual interests of the Church. The Elders are also to represent the congregation in Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies, when commissioned thereto. And it is the duty of the Elders to set the example of a godly conduct and character, and to assist the Minister as they may desire in their ministry to the people.

The congregation of this Church, in the mode most approved and in use in this congregation, having elected:

Robbie Blakemore, Herbert Cleveland, John Cochrane, Peter Denton, Paul Johnson, Lynda May, Mancil Milligan, and Ann C. Wallace

to the office of Elder, and *they* having signified *their* willingness to serve, we do now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, proceed to their ordination and installation.

Constitutional Questions
Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
Answer: I do.
Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
Answer: I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
Answer: I do and I will.
Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
Answer: I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry,

working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
Answer: I will.
Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Answer: I will.
Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
Answer: I do.
Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Answer: I will.
Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?
Answer: I will.

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the Members of this Church, acknowledge and receive these persons as Elders and do you promise to yield to them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?
Answer: We do.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Charge
Leader: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, I now declare you duly ordained and set apart to the sacred office of Ruling Elder. I charge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to be faithful to this you office, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit, rest upon you and abide with you always. Amen.

I charge you also, the Members of this congregation, to be faithful to these Elders whom you have chosen to rule over you in the Lord; and that you render them all due obedience, co-operation, and support, and follow them so far as you see them follow Christ.

Declaration and Welcome

*HYMN 28 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Carols for Strings* String Quartet

*Congregation may stand as you are able.

Ushers: John Henley (H), Lisa Henley, Miller Callaway, and Mary Alice Callaway

Assisting in worship: *Our soloists this morning are choir scholarship singers and Brenda Luggie, choral director and voice teacher at Roane State Community College. The string quartet players are members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.*