

*CLOSING HYMN #107

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

James Camp

*Please stand if you are able.

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after worship for the purpose of voting to extend a call to the pastor nominated by the search committee.

We welcome Callie Knight Hammond as our guest musician today. She received her Bachelor of Music Performance in violin in 2003 from Columbus State University, where she studied under Patricio Cobos and Manuel Diaz. Mrs. Hammond is the assistant concertmaster of the LaGrange Symphony Orchestra and also performs with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

A donation has been received from Griff and Bernice Griffeth in memory of Bill Golden.

Giving back to those who have given so much....whether providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families or enabling deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related colleges and schools, your generous gifts to the **Christmas Joy Offering** will bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering today. Please see today's inserts. You may place your envelope in the offering plate or in Shelley's mail drop.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Liturgist: Maggie Brown

Elders on Duty: Carolyn Chaput and Carolyn Stephens

Ushers: Arnold Darden, Mickey Norris, Vaughn Yarbrough

Greeters: Bobby and Suzi Goldston

Nursery: Patti Knox (SS); Paul & Christine Pickett (W)

Toddler Room: Todd and Kelly Mooney

Children's Church: Mark and Jolene Davis

Happy Birthday this week to: (Today) Nate Wilson; (Monday) Joyce Rowden; (Wednesday) Ethan Carrne; (Thursday) Chris Bailey, Kathey Sandiford.

Please have all **2011 contributions** in by Sunday, December 25.

Please submit your **pledge cards** for 2012 by December 31.

Calendar for this Week: (December 18 - December 25)

Today: 9:00 a.m. Breakfast / Fellowship (Darden Hall)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School; Birthday Party for Jesus
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00 noon Congregational Meeting

Wednesday: 12:00 noon Noon Circle
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday: Church Office Closed

Saturday: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Next Sunday: Christmas Day
10:30 a.m. Food and Fellowship / Darden Hall
11:00 a.m. Worship

Loyd Presbyterian Church Program Team:

Dave Omerod, Interim Pastor
Cathy Sargent, Office Manager
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary
Mike Pauley, Youth Director
Marty Davis, Music Director
James Camp, Pianist
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Sunday, December 18, 2011

11:00 a.m. Worship



CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Callie Hammond, violin

(Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad that you will find on the inside aisle and pass it to your neighbor.)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“O Come, Little Children”

Arr. D. Giardinere

*O come, little children, O come, one and all;
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small.
Come see what the Father in heaven this night
Has sent down to earth for our joy and delight.
Come see in the stable: 'mid oxen and sheep,
A Babe in a manger lies gently asleep.
As Mary and Joseph look on Him in love,
A chorus of angels is singing above.
The shepherds are kneeling in silence to pray,
And dimly the light flickers over the hay.
The stars in the heavens shine down and adore Him;
The stars in the heavens shine down and adore Him.
Dear Jesus, what gifts can we children bestow
To tell our affection, our gladness to show?
You seek neither treasure nor wealth from the earth,
But hearts of devotion this night of Your birth.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

*HYMN #105 *“What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest”*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE
The Townsend Family

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, when we sense who you are, we are ashamed. How do you tolerate our pettiness? The abundance you have given us has made us proud more than thankful. We act as if our accomplishments were all our own doing. We seldom acknowledge your generosity or let you rule our lives. We go through the forms of worship, but we try to keep you at a safe distance. We fill our lives with status-producing activity that blocks out your call and limits our response. O God, we need to change. Will you help us? Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Callie Hammond, violin

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Thank you, God, for your mercy and protection, for feeding us physically and spiritually, for caring for us like a shepherd. We present our offerings as an act of gratitude. What we can never repay we pause to appreciate. In the name of generosity we cannot match, we seek to be generous toward others. May these offerings do far more than support our church. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to honor Christ through ministry in the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

“We Wait for Thee” V. Johnson

*Dark is the night and empty the sky
As the ground lies still and cold.
We pause in solemn anticipation
As we wait for the promise of old.*

*(Refrain) Come, thou Prince of Peace; come, great Lord of lords;
Come, and set Your people free.
Come, Desire of the nations, come.
With joy and hope we wait for Thee.*

*Revive our hearts and renew our minds,
Come, and bring us peace to endure.
Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Emmanuel, God with us!
(Refrain)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children in Pre-School through 2nd Grade may go to Children's Church.)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1: 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

THE MESSAGE

Reverend David Omerod

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**