

The Worship of God

December 23, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* arr. Miller

As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)

Concerns and Celebrations

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Call to Worship

T Worrell

One: As we light our fourth Advent candle,

All: we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

All: Come now, O Prince of Love.

Hymn #85 (seated) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*
(verse 4)

+Introit *While We Are Waiting, Come* Men's Ensemble

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year C)

Living God, You beckon us to wake from our sleep: to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign, the injustice of our world, and the gap in between. You call us to follow in the path of your love. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way, the successful way, the nice way, the friendly way, the comfortable way. Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us to follow the Way of justice and love. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

**The Gloria Patri* Hymn #581

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and *Christmas Joy Offering*

Offertory *Love Has Come* arr. Ringham

**The Doxology* Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Word

+Conversation with the Children

Old Testament Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm Reading Psalm 80:1-7

+Anthem *There Is Faint Music* (Forrest) Men's Ensemble

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-55

Sermon "What Did Micah Know?" Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Page 35 of Hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *Threefold Amen* Men's Ensemble

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand
+ 11:00 Worship Service only

Calendar for the Week

Sunday	12/23	8:30am	Early Worship – 4 th Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering
		9:45am	Sunday School
		11:00am	Worship – 4 th Sunday of Advent- Christmas Joy Offering
Mon	12/24	5:00pm	Candlelight Worship Service - Christmas Eve (Office Closed 12/24 & 12/25)
Tues	12/25		Christmas Day
Sunday	12/30	8:30am	Early Worship – New Church Development Offering
		9:45am	Sunday School
		11:00am	Worship – New Church Development Offering

Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex and Video Podcast will be downloaded to church website (www.shallottechurch.org) by Tuesday morning as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend

Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 52; 11:00a.m. – 115

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

Special Offering Envelopes for the **Christmas Joy Offering**, are in the pew racks.

The white poinsettias are given by **Presbyterian Women** to the **Glory of God** in honor of the **Chancel Choir's dedication**. **The red poinsettias** are given by members of the **SPC Congregation** for the **Glory of God** and in special recognition of **loved ones**. Last Sunday's insert of donors' names can be found in the Narthex.

The **2019 Flower Calendar** has been posted in the hallway. Please sign up for your special Sunday. Remember to fill out a request form and leave it on the Secretary's desk in the Church office.

These Days, devotional guide for January, February and March of 2019 are available on the bench in the Narthex.

Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes on the table in the Narthex.

Prayer Concerns: Tim Bartlett, Ralph Benoy, Lois Chadwick, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Jerry McCann, Martha Miller, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Bill Sing, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson, Roy Trest and Bob Williams.



Rev. John Causey, Minister causeyoib@atmc.net

Barry Auman, Director of Music

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

T Worrell, Seminary Intern

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Dr. Les & Dr. Christy Morgan, Missionaries in Bangladesh

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