

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Christmas Eve

ALL LITURGY IS CREDITED TO:

Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed/A Sanctified Art
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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Mary's Boy Child"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal

Leader: In those days, in the beginning, Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. He was registered, and she was expecting a child. The time came for Mary to give birth, so she delivered her child, wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

People: And the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to all whom God favors."

Leader: Let us worship our with-us God.

People: Let us sing songs of praise!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

THE CHRIST CANDLE Mary and Greg McNair

HYMN "Joy to the World" #125

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer "A Nativity Prayer"

Loving Christ, when the shepherds heard that you were born, they dropped their things and ran. They

trusted the angel's invitation. They believed that your love existed for them. We wish that we were more like that. Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger, we tend to lose our way. We doubt ourselves. We doubt the invitation. We doubt that love could know our names. Remind us that your love is personal and specific. Remind us that the good news of this day is for us. With hope we sing, we pray, and we run. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader ... You are claimed. You are forgiven. You are loved.

People: Glory to God in the highest heaven! Glory to God here and now. Alleluia! Amen!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" #623

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.



**please stand as you are able.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 6

SECOND READING Luke 2:1-20

RESPONSE

Leader: The is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Love Knows Your Name"
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

HYMN "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #133

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Excerpt from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken-hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the spirit, we strive

to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "What Child Is This?"

*RESPONSE "What Can I Give Him?" #154

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wiseman I would do my part:
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader : The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader : Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SENDING

"SHARING THE LIGHT"

*HYMN "Silent Night" #147

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim Christ's love and Grace through serving and nurturing body, mind and soul.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Silent Night" #147

Music is licensed through CCLI.

December Special Mission Offering

Our mission offering for December is the Presbyterian Home for Children, a ministry of the Presbyterian churches of Alabama, that cares for teenage girls who have experienced abuse or neglect, and boys and girls of all ages and their caregivers, who find themselves homeless because of poverty, abuse, or abandonment.

The offering collected tonight will be sent to support this mission. Please mark your check or offering envelope "for PHFC mission."

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

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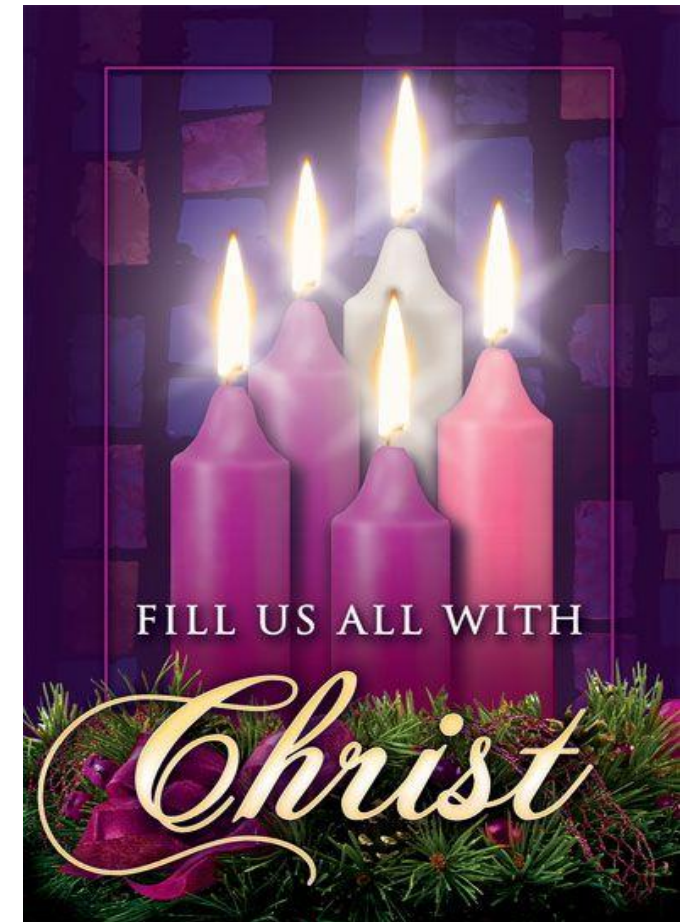
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Welcome to Swift Church

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