



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**First Sunday After Christmas**  
**December 27, 2020**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*What Child Is This?*  
Mr. Rick Massengale, organ

GREENSLEEVES

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN**

*There's a Song in the Air*

CHRISTMAS SONG

*There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.  
In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;  
And that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing  
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Dr. Martin and People

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** *\*universal UMH 881*



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**\*GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

**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**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

*“The peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Dr. Martin

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*One Quiet Moment*  
Brian & Nancy Lindsey

Bob Kauflin, arr. Dennis Allen

*One quiet moment, in the star clustered night,  
Two weary travelers knew an end was in sight.  
So the soon to be mother grasped her husband’s strong hand,  
And paused to remember where their journey began.*

*They dreamed of the times they would spend with their son,  
Taking trips through the hillsides and watching him run;  
And some days the fingers that had fashioned the stars  
Would reach out to hold them when the walk was too far.*

*And the one quiet moment, a woman and man  
Accepted the part they would have in God’s plan  
To give up His glory and be born as a man  
In one quiet moment.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Martin and People

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON***Carry the Light: Glory*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN***Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

*Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings.*

*Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Annelle Burch  
Joe Byers

Quentin Cash  
Richard Clayton  
Summer Dorsey  
Howard Dunham  
Bob Garrett

Margaret Grainger  
Martha Hale  
Cindy Jennings  
Doris Kerlin  
Sara Morgan

Lurlene Perry  
Claudia Rhodes  
Norma Saunders  
Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Jeff and Tina Moore and family upon the death of Tina's sister, Laurie Fapso, on December 20.  
Jim and Gerry Haymans upon the death of Gerry's suster, Vivian Lee, on December 21.



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