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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Wednesday, December 24, 2008

Christmas Eve Services

*“Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.”*

*Welcome to First Baptist Church
Manlius, New York*

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Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2008
5:00 p.m. Children's Service

Welcome Pastor Leon

Scripture Luke 2:1-7

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 193

*O Come, All ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O Come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Come to the Manger

The Children are invited to come forward
and help us tell the Christmas Story.

Joseph
Mary
Shepherds
Angels
Wisemen

Hymn*“Away In a Manger”*

No. 185

*Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Hymn*“Angels We Have Heard On High”*

No. 192

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Offering my Worship**Hymn***“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

No. 195

*Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright;
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

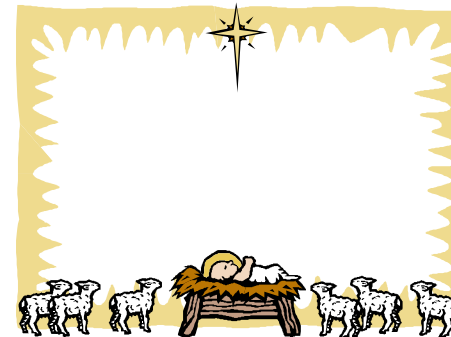
Prayer**Singing**

May my Light Shine

May my light shine like the star of Bethlehem.
May the world see God's love through me.
May my light shine for my Jesus and my King.
May I shine so others see.

Benediction**Thank you:**

To Shirley Mapstone who played the piano for tonight's service.





December 2008

Poinsettias have been given for the beautification of our church sanctuary during this Christmas season by:

- Anthony and Annette Andrusyszyn in memory of Elsie and Kenneth Bex.*
- Dick, Linda, Steve and Doug Barber in memory of Janice and Dudley Barber, our parents.*
- To Barbara Brace for encouraging me to write—from Fred Goddard.*
- To Mary Jane Davis from her Secret Pal ~ Merry Christmas!*
- Barbara Davison in memory of Florence Wheeler.*
- Carole, Charlie, Derek, and Colleen Guynup in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Guynup.*
- Carol Heller in memory of Ray Heller, Leah Stark, and Charles Stark.*
- Merle Judd and Linda, Dick, Steve and Doug Barber in memory of Leslie H. Judd and Bruce A. Judd.*
- Jeffrey Loope in memory of Jean F. Hiler, Nancy F. Jumper and Ruth F. Crysler and also in honor of Katherine F. Loope.*
- Jessie Mapstone in memory of Carl Mapstone.*
- Shirley and Bob Mapstone in memory of our parents, Carl and Anne Nellis and Lynn and Emma Mapstone.*
- Jim Mitscher ~ to the Glory of God.*
- Will Shephard in honor of all my wrestling victories.*
- Mr. and Mrs. George W. Whitton in memory of Martin S. Whitton, Sr. and Beatrice M. Whitton.*

*Welcome to First Baptist Church of
Manlius, New York*

“Christmas Eve Service”

December 24, 2008 ~ 7:30 p.m.

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;
let the distant shores rejoice.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,
and praise his holy name.

From Psalm 97

Welcome

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Joyce McCartney

-French Carol

Duet

“Rejoice”
Courtney Shevchuk, cello; Lexi Dominy, viola

-Jim Brickman

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*Singing

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#193

*Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

*Lighting the Christ Candle

*Prayer

Singing

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#178

PROCLAIMING CHRIST’S BIRTH IN WORD AND SONG

Scripture Luke 2:8-20

***Singing** *Angels We Have Heard On High* #192

Solo *Escuchad el son triunfal* Walfre Marida
(*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*)

OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "O Holy Night" -the Buskey
Family
Michael Buskey, piano ~ John Buskey, vocal
Scott Noble, vocal ~ Mark Noble, bass

Tonight's offering is a thank you for Retired Ministers and Missionaries in the American Baptist Churches. Each year this offering provides assistance to those in crises and a Christmas Thank You for other retirees or their spouses.

Prayer of dedication

GOD'S WORD

Scripture John 1:1-5, 14

Meditation "A Light that Shines in Darkness" Pastor Leon Oaks-Lee
a reading of
The Christmas Candle, by Richard Evans

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

***Passing the Light**

"In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God and the Word was God ... In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."
(John 1:1 & 4-5)

[As the light is passed to you, tip your candle to receive the light. Once lit, hold your candle in an upright position for the next person to light theirs.]

***Singing** *Silent Night*

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

GOING FORTH

***Benediction**

***Hymn** *Joy to the World!* #171

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love.

***Organ Postlude** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" -L. S. Clark

*If you are able, please stand.

*Welcome to First Baptist Church of Manlius
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2008 ~ 11:00 p.m.*

Prelude "Noel" -Henri Mulet
Joyce McCartney

Call to Worship John Buskey

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn O Come, All Ye Faithful 193

*O Come, All ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain: *O Come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him,
O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. **Refrain***

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. **Refrain***

Scripture Luke 2:1-20

Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory 190

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.*

Refrain: *Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light. **Refrain***

*Wise men, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star.*

Refrain

*Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear. **Refrain***

Special Music Courtney Shevchuk

Scripture Luke 2:21-40

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn What Child is This? 180

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?*

Refrain: *This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels
sing.*

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

*Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. **Refrain.***

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. **Refrain***

Mary & Christ Child

Communion Service

