Clemmons Presbyterian Church

Early Worship 8:30 am **December 17, 2017**

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
As the candles are lighted, and the chimes begin,
Let us focus our hearts on the worship of the most Holy God.

PRELUDE Instrumental

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION Christmas Joy Offering

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES David and Kathryn Markley

Hymn: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," stanza 6, #88*

All: "O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight."

Reader 1: "The LORD has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. ... Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joyful shouts." (Psalm 126:3, 5)

Reader 2: God of Joy, you enter the wilderness of our world and proclaim that there is a way to reach home again.

Reader 1: God of Joy, you break through clouds of despair and sorrow to bring good news to your people.

Reader 2: God of Joy, you send hope into the world in the form of a tiny baby.

All: We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God" (Isaiah 61:10).

Reader 1: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle, knowing that joy is our true home.

All: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

*PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Passing the Peace — since God has opened his heart to us in Jesus Christ,
in Jesus Christ let us open our hearts to each other.
Leader: "May the peace of God be with you."
People: "And also with you."
Please greet other worshippers with the peace of God, introduce yourself and offer personal greetings.

*HYMN #106 *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:46b-55
Pew Bible NT Page 53, Red Bible Page 932

Leader: This is the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...) Hymnal Page 35

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS AND THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the red pew pad down your row, noting your neighbors upon its return.

OFFERTORY *He Is Born* arr. Carter

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CANTATA "Invitation to a Miracle" Joseph Martin

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES
Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* arr. Carter

***All who are able may stand.**

We Welcome You in the Name of Christ - We especially welcome all our guests, and ask that you fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian.

To share a prayer request, please use the cards in the pew racks and place the card in the offering. It will be taken to the minister and shared in today's prayers.

Church Session

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Sherri Hart – Personnel	Mitchell Brown – Administrative	Rebecca Boyd – Personnel
Travis Milam – Christian Education	Diane Hightower – Mission	Brad Campbell – Property
Susan Preston – Fellowship	Stephen Klinger – Christian Education	Barbara Evans – Youth
Penny Welty – Youth	Gail Sharpe – Worship	John Rhyne – Finance
Glen Hubbard – At Large	Beth Maclin - Congregational Care	Tom Sheehan – Fellowship

Mary McElwee - Clerk Dr. William Hoyle - Moderator
Rev. Patrick McElwaine - Associate Pastor

Church Staff

Dr. William Hoyle – Pastor
Rev. Patrick McElwaine – Associate Pastor
Wendy Duncan – Interim Christian Educator

Megan Loomis – Office Manager
Inessa Sarkisov – Finance
Jude Lee – Administrative Assistant

Rachel Moss – Organist
Brittany McCollum – Music Director
Terri Queen – Children's Music Director

Carolyn Brown – Nursery

Invite a friend or new neighbor to worship with you next Sunday
as we extend the love of God and the welcome that we receive in Jesus Christ!

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