

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 24, 2023

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship Is. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn # 201.....**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Isaiah 11:1-9

CONFESSION OF SIN

From Leading in Worship (1996).....read responsively

O Lord our God, we come to You as Your sons and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of Your grace.

We confess that we have sinned against You.

We have broken Your commandments.

We have fallen short of Your glory.

We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We were born in sin and have continued to sin.

Yet You warn that whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point is guilty of all.

We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in Jesus name.

Blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquities; deliver us from bloodguiltiness.

Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west.

Cast all our sins behind Your back and remember them no more.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of God to all who repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Lk. 19:10

Therefore I declare to you, that:

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Rom. 10:9

Amen!

CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

* Hymn # 203.....**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Matthew 1:18-25

The Apostles' Creed.....unison

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology.....page xvi

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn # 204.....**"Away in a Manger"**

MEANS OF GRACE

Prayer of Intercession

* Reading of the Word of God.....Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: "The Shepherds and the Angels".....Dr. Jones

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

RESPONSE AND BLESSING

* Hymn # 211.....**"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"**

* Benediction

* Congregational Threefold Amen

* Congregation Standing

Luke 2:8-20 (NKJV)

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" ¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. ²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

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Reverend Dr. James A. Jones, Jr.
Pastor

" To Glorify God, and Enjoy Him Forever "

DeRidder Presbyterian Church Announcements

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We welcome all worshippers, especially our new visitors.
Please talk to the pastor about scheduling a visit in your home this week.

COMMUNION – We observe the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s Day during our corporate worship. The center cups contain grape juice for those who cannot partake of the wine in good conscience.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – Please take the time now to mark the places in your Bibles for the Scripture readings later in the service.

NO BIBLE STUDY – There will be no Bible Study this Wednesday. We will resume our Bible Study on January 3.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING – This Friday, December 29, has been designated as a day of prayer and fasting for Vanguard Presbyterian Church. For those who wish to participate (even if you do not fast that day) we will meet for an hour of prayer at the church at 6:30 pm.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
Fellowship & Coffee.....10:30 A.M.
Corporate Worship.....11:00 A.M.
The URL for YouTube is:.....<https://www.youtube.com/@revdrjones>

Friday: Day of Prayer and Fasting

Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.

Pregnancy Care Center

420 McMahan Street
DeRidder, Louisiana 70634
(337) 463-9500

Office Hours:
Tues. and Wed. 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

DeRidder Presbyterian Church Prayer Requests

THE CHURCH

DeRidder PC.....10 new families; evangelistic zeal
Vanguard Presbyterian Church.....Day of Prayer and Fasting, December 29, 2023
Persecuted Christians.....Islamic countries; China; North Korea; India

MISSIONARIES

Vanguard Presbyterian Church.....Endorsed Missions Organizations
Church Planting International (CPI).....www.cpimission.org
(Myanmar, Uganda, India, Portugal, Russia)
Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship (REF).....www.refglobal.org
(USA)
Westminster Biblical Missions (WBM).....www.wbminc.org
(Europe, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan)
African Bible Colleges.....Students and teachers
Bill Carr (PCA Native American Ministry Regional Director).....Fargo, ND
Pregnancy Care Center.....Financial needs; wisdom for board and volunteers

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

(Under Age 20)

Laynie Burch (com member) Aria Morrison (non com member)
Abigail Godwin (assoc member) Kamden Waldrop (com member)
Matthew Lungrin (com member) Kenna Waldrop (com member)
Theresa Lungrin (non com member)

SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chaplain Steven and Sarah Lanolos & family (Navy).....Okinawa, Japan
Steven Lungrin.....LA National Guard
Jon and Rita Munson & family.....Jon to DC until November; Rita in NC with children
Adrian and Stephanie Stark & family.....Fort Polk
Cody and Caitlin Waldrop & family.....Fort Polk

GENERAL HEALTH & OTHER CONCERNS

Doug Barberousse.....Recovery from back surgery on December 18
Brenda Brown (Chris Brown’s mother).....Diabetes and other health issues
Don and Cheryl Dobson (Griffith’s friends).....General health
Robert Griffith.....Disc problem in lower back
Kent Jacobs (Lessie’s cousin).....Needs kidney transplant
Greg Prudhomme.....Back and knees, recovery from back surgery
Margo Roll.....Age 92; heart problems; declining health

CANCER

Mollie Anderson.....Breast cancer in remission
Pat Brothers (Penny Burrow’s mom).....Cancer surgery for softball-sized sore
Sam Crifasse (friend of Doug’s).....Bladder cancer in remission
Dorothy Knox.....Age 87; colon cancer; recovery from heart valve surgery
Rita Munson.....Ovarian Clear Cell Carcinoma (OCCC) in remission
Pamela Roper.....Slow growing kidney cancer under observation
Marge Smith.....Lung cancer in remission
Christina Watson (Chris’ mother).....Recovery from lung cancer surgery
Janice Wright.....Cancer in remission

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

Text: Luke 2:8–20

I. SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELDS

A. Working Hard At Night

B. Suddenly An Angel Of The Lord Appeared To Them

C. Why The Announcement To The Shepherds

II. THE ANGEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Stop Being Afraid

B. The Good News

C. The Sign

D. The Army Of Heaven

III. RESPONSE OF THE SHEPHERDS

A. Decide To Go See

B. Hurry Off to Bethlehem

C. Spread The Word