



Bethany United Methodist Church

*1860 Hayes Road
Gloucester Point, VA 23062*

Christmas Eve, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Rudy Shackelford, organist

PRELUDE

Variations on a Noël, Opus 20 (1922)

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Theme and Variations 1-7

- Based upon the French carol *Sing We Now of Christmas* (UMH, No. 237)

WELCOME

Rev. Steve Young

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

the Neikirk family

*CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1,3,6)

UMH, no. 234

*OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

There in the Same Country

Pepper Choplin

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION (The congregation is invited to sing with the children)

READING ONE

CAROL: *Away in a Manger*

READING TWO

CAROL: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

READING THREE

CAROL: *We Three Kings*

READING FOUR

CAROL: *Joy to the World*

READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

***SINGING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

The congregation is invited to call out the numbers of favorite carols. We will sing the first and last verses of each.

OFFERTORY

Variations on a Noël (Nos. 8 & 9)

Marcel Dupré

*DOXOLOGY

refrain, UMH, no. 234

O come, let us adore him!

O come, let us adore him!

O come, let us adore him — Christ the Lord!

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*LIGHTING OUR CHRISTMAS CANDLES

*CHRISTMAS CAROL

Silent Night

UMH, No. 239

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Variations on a Noël (No. 10 – Fugato)

Marcel Dupré

*Congregation to stand

Merry Christmas!

The pastor and staff of Bethany UMC send our prayers that God may bless each of you with a Christmas holiday filled with love, joy, and peace.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed the remainder of this week.

Acolytes: Will Neikirk and Molly Vaughan

Our Offering This Evening

One hundred percent of our offering this evening will go to benefit the work of the Samaritan Group of Gloucester County. The Samaritans provide emergency financial assistance to qualified individuals and families.

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Steve and Susan will be on vacation between Christmas and New Years Day. If pastoral assistance is needed during this time, please contact Chaplain Carol Johnson at 757-254-5926 or one of our Lay Leaders, Archie Leigh (642-2734) or Roy Bauschatz (642-6340).

Single Service This Sunday

Please note that there is only one service this Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. Lt. Commander Gray Wooten will bring the message on behalf of the Gideons, International. Sunday School will be held at the normal time, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Bethlehem Medley
From "Camel Lot"

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for His 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.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the Herald Angels sing, glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Chorus

Hark! the Herald Angels sing, glory to the new-born King.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we travel afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain; following yonder star.

Chorus: (sing 2x)

Star of wonder, star of night; star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, 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, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Chorus:

Joy to the world, Joy, Joy, Joy!
Let all creation sing. Hear the praises ring to the Holy One.
Joy to the world, Joy, Joy, Joy!

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

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