

# **Sunday, December 10, 2023**

## **Prelude**

Holly Benedict

## **Choral Call to Worship**

"Emmanuel"

## **Welcome**

Benjamin Steward

## **Hymn of Praise**

#85 - "The First Nowell"

## **Call to Prayer**

Allie Chasin

## **Video**

"The Promise of Advent: Love"

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Janice and Gregory Johnson

## **Hymn of Worship**

#86 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

## **Offertory Prayer**

Jerry Sehon

## **Instrumental Worship\***

Holly Benedict

## **Choral Worship**

"All is Calm, All is Bright"

## **Message**

"Father Christmas"

John 1:1-18

Michael Tolar

## **Hymn of Commitment**

#117 - "As with Gladness Men of Old"

## **Presentation of Staff Christmas Gifts**

Deacons

## **Benediction**

Michael Tolar

\*Preschool dismiss to vestibule

# Sermon Notes



## Memory Verse

2 Praise the Lord , O my soul, and forget not all his benefits 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **Psalm 103:2-5**

## Daily Scripture Reading

**Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023:** Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a;  
Mark 1:1-8

**Monday, Dec. 11, 2023:** Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42

**Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023:** Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18

**Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023:** Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17

**Thurs, Dec. 14, 2023:** Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11

**Friday, Dec. 15, 2023:** Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16

**Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023:** Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matthew 21:28-32

## **Welcome to Mount Moriah**

We hope that you experience the presence of the Lord as we worship together. If you are a guest with us today, please fill out a blue welcome card and place it in the offering; we would love to connect with you! We also invite you to say hello to our Welcome Team in the foyer after worship for a small gift.

## **Christmas Cantata**

Tonight at 7PM will be the Annual Christmas Cantata. The choir and orchestra will share "Let Heaven & Nature Sing!" Invite someone to join you as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Childcare for nursery and preschool-age children will be available.

There will be a "Sweet & Savory" reception to follow. Please bring a sweet or savory snack for the reception. Punch and drinks will be provided.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Mount Moriah has been invited to the Christmas Eve Service at Baptist Center Church on Sunday 12/24 at 6PM.

## **December Save the Dates**

12/10 - Christmas Cantata | 7PM  
12/10 - Sweet & Savory Fellowship  
12/12 - Triple L Monthly Meeting  
12/16 - Golden Wishes | 10AM\*  
\*Note time change  
12/17 - Lottie Moon Offering  
12/20 - No Wednesday Night Activities  
12/24 - Worship Service Only | 11AM\*  
Family Service - no nursery or preschool  
12/25 - No Christmas Day Service  
12/27 - No Wednesday Night Activities  
12/31 - Worship Service Only | 11AM

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

We will collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on Sunday, December 17th. Our goal is \$12,000. An offering envelope is enclosed in the bulletin. We see lives transformed by the Gospel through our support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

## **Lottie Moon Mailbox**

MMBC supports the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each year during the Christmas Season. Individuals are encouraged to make donations by saving on postage and "sending" Christmas cards through the Christmas Card Mailbox. Instead of mailing your cards to members of the MMBC family, place your cards/letters in the Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox and donate the money you saved on postage to support missionaries around the world!

## **Triple L Meeting**

The next Triple L Meeting is Tuesday, 12/12 at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be a Pot Luck lunch (the meat will be provided).

We will be collecting new adult ladies underwear for the Women's Center.

RSVP to Jennifer Sehon at [jhsehon@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsehon@yahoo.com) or (919) 621-2779

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## **Golden Wishes Gifts & Delivery**

### **\*Please Note Time Change\***

Golden Wishes is our way of spreading Christmas joy to the senior citizens in our community. We work with social services to obtain names and gift ideas from seniors they serve, then share their wishes and needs through Sign-up Genius. A sign-up sheet is also available in the church vestibule. All gifts will be collected at church a week before delivery so we can ensure that each person on the list is covered.

On Saturday, December 16th, we will require many volunteers to deliver the gifts and a meal to every recipient. The meal is provided and cooked at the church and picked up along with the gifts. We also reach out to elderly or sick church members who may enjoy a visit or meal and include them on the day of delivery. However, we do not provide gifts for our church seniors.

You can choose to buy a gift, deliver gifts, or do both to help with this ministry. Many people enjoy visiting the person they purchase a gift for. Presently, 56 individuals may require a visit on December 16th, and we will need many volunteers for this day. We will meet at the church at 10AM to pick up gifts, meals, and contact information. The length of your visit is up to you, and you do not need to return to church afterward. For questions or to volunteer contact Kay Johnson at [graced2cre8@yahoo.com](mailto:graced2cre8@yahoo.com).

# Prayer Guide

Our **deepest sympathy** to the family of **Frederick "Rick" Busch**; father of Stephan Busch **Christmas Cantata**; health of musicians and technicians; for the lost to hear the Gospel through the music, and see the Gospel alive in us!

**Nash Rose 13**; great-grandson of Tim & Joan Cooper; RSV; double ear infection; COVID

**Sally Day 22**; back surgery 12/12

**April Nipper**; hysterectomy 12/11; UNC-CH

**Elizabeth Ashley 11**; mother of Crystal Ashley; Bella Rose; successful hip replacement

**Jan Wilkins 22**; mother of Daryn Wilkins; recovering from surgery; no amputation needed

**Cindy Lowery 11**; Laurels; recovering from left leg amputation

**Mike Kemp 12**; diagnosed w/Lewy body dementia and Parkinsons; related issues

**Angela Debelak 14**; coworker of Tammy Sanderford; widespread brain cancer; chemo

**Carl Carlson 11**; co-worker of Jeff Storms; advanced pancreatic cancer

**Charlene Cove17**; in-home IV infusions; chronic knee infection

**Dot Hensley 19**; home; kidney infection

**Jeri Taylor 13**; consultation on 12/1 to discuss heart valve replacement

**Kevin McKenzie 13**; tumor has not changed; continuing radiation

**Mike Fischer 22**; father of Rayce Fischer; recovering from heart LVAD surgery

**Mark McDaniels 14**; son of Pat McDaniels; began chemo and other treatment for cancer

**Hannah Keller 22**; niece of Nancy Corzine; 39 years old w/ 2 children; MDS

## Friends & Family Battling Cancer

Ronnie Albertson 23

Mike Bailey

David Bunn 13

Danny Byrd 14

Mackey Bullock 13

Dr. Ray Carr

Robby Dillard 12

John Denning

Katie Dowdy 15

Connie Faison 25

Pearl Fowler 25

Sarah Glad 20

Phillip Hedrick 15

Leigh Hudson 21

Lynn Ingalls 25

Bonnie Johnson

Paula Klein 24

Doug Poole 19

Linda Powell 17

Ralph Price 20

Jennifer Rodeniser

Jeffrey Stuart 15

C.G. Townsend 25

Daryn Wilkins 22

David Wilver 12

## Friends & Family with Continuing Needs

Phil Aquino 18

Stacy Busch 15

Gene Clark 15

Sam Cunningham 22

Lewis Dowdy 15

Lois Evans 22

Gordie Graham 17

Jan Hupman 14

Betty Johnson 23

Rochelle Kemp 15

Terris Klausung 22

Milton Kraft 17

Tammy Nance 15

Sandra Parrish 25

Trevor Sanderford 14

Lessie Scott 16

Dyke Starnes 18

Peggy Stevens

Tom Underhill 11

J.C. Whitt 22

Wendy Wilburg