



DECEMBER 3, 2023
10:00 AM
BURNING BRIGHT: HOPE

Greeting

Mrs. Karen McAmis

Hymn 94

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Chorus 82

Emmanuel

MCGEE

Lighting the Advent Candle and Prayer: HOPE

Miles & Jessica McKenzie

Advent Song [part 1]

Burning Bright

Blankenship

VERSE 1:

Like a candle on a window sill
Breaks the darkest cold of winter's chill
Like the radiant glow of a tiny flame
Holds out hope we still can change
We're burning bright
We're burning bright...tonight

VERSE 2:

*Like a candle held close to your chest
To honor those we've laid to rest
Or lifted high in reverent awe
For peace on earth goodwill to all
We're burning bright
We're burning bright...tonight*

BRIDGE:

*Like joy in the morning
Like a song in the rain
Like love in the middle of your pain
Like you and me together
Across a great divide
Like Jesus was really born one silent night*

VERSE 3:

*Like a candle on a window sill
Is Christ the hope of nations still
He's burning bright
He's burning bright...tonight*

Ministry Highlight: Christmas Mission Offering & Prayer

Rev. Susie Reeder

Hymn 121

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

MARGARET

Message

Burning Bright: Hope

Pastor Blake Bengé

Romans 5:1-12

Hymn of Response 88

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Prayer of Commitment

Mr. John Bigger

Offertory Music Feature

Festival Prelude on 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

Mr. Connor Larsen, organist
Harmon

Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Bengé

Benediction

Rev. Jon Nahlen

Postlude

Mr. Larsen, organist

Let Earth Receive Her King

Elliott

INVITATION TO RESPOND

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

Imagine our Snyder Christmas Eve service without the candlelight in "Silent Night," when we raise our candles, illuminating faces of family and friends around us as we sing,

"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."

Imagine the world in darkness before Jesus came. Awaiting the HOPE represented in His coming. As much as those Christmas Eve candlelights are special to us, do we leave here eager to share that HOPE and LIGHT?

In the 45 years of The Singing Christmas Tree, our choirs have sung many songs about "Light."

"Everlasting Light, everlasting light, filling up the darkness with everlasting light."

"So carry your candle, run to the darkness. Seek out the helpless, confused and torn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle, and go light your world."

"The Light of a Million Mornings filled my heart...And now that Your glory has come shining through, Let my life be a candle Lord that shines for You."

"All praise to the name of the Father of Light. One who listens and hears when I call...In His light I'll not stumble or fall."

"O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth...A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn...His power and glory ever more proclaim."

"Shine down your light on me, Let the people see...That in your presence darkness flees, Father of light, shine down on me."

This year all of our choirs join together in singing Michael W. Smith's "Shine on Us." It's a glorious sound when children, youth and adults all join together.

"Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us. That we, may be saved, that we, may have life. To find our way in the darkest night...Let your light, shine on us. Let your grace fall on us. Let your love, come over us."

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you that you alone are the Father of Light in sending us your son, Jesus. In this season of advent and in the year to come, shine on us so that we may we allow the light of Jesus to shine through us. May we share your grace and love to fill the darkness with your everlasting light and hope. Give us the courage to go and light our world. May we proclaim your power and glory ever more, burning bright to share hope in the darkness.

~ Kerri Hurley

BURNING BRIGHT | HOPE

Every comeback contains hope. It is an essential ingredient for coming back and overcoming. Hope is also essential for understanding and experiencing Christmas. The candle of hope *Burns Bright* first, it *Burns Bright* alone, and it *Burns Bright* the longest. Without hope Christmas never happens, but with hope it does, and we can make the comeback and we can overcome.

Christmas Hope is not _____
hope. _____

Christmas Hope is one of the 3 Greats. - 1 Corinthians 13:13 _____

Christmas Hope does not _____, - Romans 5:1-11 _____

Two Reasons to Rejoice - Romans 5:2-4

1. _____ ; _____

2. _____ ; _____

Two Reasons Christmas Hope does not bring us shame. - Romans 5:5

1. God's _____ ; _____

2. God's _____ ; _____

Christmas Hope is for:

The _____ - Romans 5:6-7 _____

The _____ - Romans 5:8-9 _____

God's _____ - Romans 5:10-11 _____

Conclusion...

It does not matter how powerless you feel, nor how unworthy you might think you are, you might even be at odds with God. He loves you! His love expressed in Jesus is meant to give you hope *Burning Bright*. Receive Him and step into the bright warm light of hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATED GIFT CATALOG IS HERE: These catalogs contain many gift ideas that benefit our local and international partnerships. You may purchase the gifts using cash, check or you may do it online. Pick up some of the special gift cards that must accompany your payment, so we know where to send the money.

BURNING BRIGHT - A FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: The staff and children have worked together to produce a booklet for your family to use as we focus on Jesus this Christmas season. They can be found at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Hall and in the Cammack Lobby.

STORING THE TREE: You can sign up by going to our website and clicking on the "Growing the Tree" slide. We have time slots for Storing the Tree from Monday, Dec. 4 thru Thursday, Dec. 7.

JINGLE JAM - A CHRISTMAS PARTY BIG ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY: Put on your Christmas pjs and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30pm on December 10!

BELL SCHEDULE FOR DEACONS AND COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT: Deacon nominees' pictures and brief bio will be included in the Dec. 8 edition of *The Bell*. The members will vote by secret ballot for the Deacons in both services on Sunday, Dec. 10. The Committee on Committees report will be in the Dec. 15 edition of *The Bell*. The members will vote on the report on Sunday, December 17, in both services.

JOIN THE SNYDER TEAM: We are currently taking applications to fill the Family and Discipleship Ministry Assistant position (full-time with benefits). If you are interested contact Jon Nahlen at jonn@snydermbc.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Upcoming One Service Only Sundays - Note Location Info!

Sunday, Dec. 24, 10am (Sanctuary)

Sunday, Dec. 31, 10am (Fellowship Hall)

HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to www.snydermbc.com; select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

or

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

**"HEARTS UNITED IN LOVING GOD,
SHARING CHRIST, AND SERVING OTHERS."**