

A CONFESSION OF FAITH.....The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

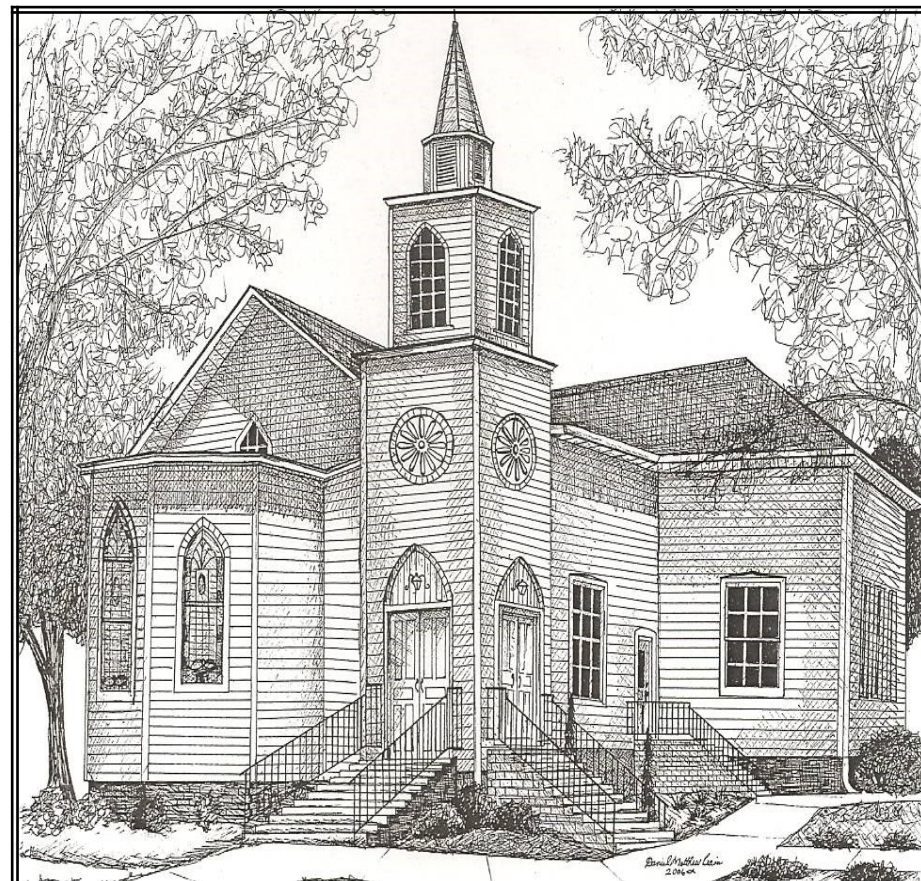
***Congregational Carol: "O Christmas Tree"German Folk Song**

1. Oh, Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how evergreen and fragrant,
Oh, Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, So evergreen and fragrant,
'Neath the summer sun and winter snow, Or the Christmas Candle's glow,
Oh Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou'rt evergreen and fragrant.

2. Oh Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, With gifts your branches swelling.
Oh Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, What wond'rous gifts foretelling.
A gift divine from heaven above, The Prince of Peace the Prince of love,
Oh, Christmas tree, O Christmas Tree, A heav'nly gift foretelling.

THE LIGHTING OF THE TREE

***Benediction**



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First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2019

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Reception into membership of Debbie Therriault

Prelude

*Hymn 41: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"Wade

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Robert and De French
(Refer to insert for congregational song)

THE LIGHT

Responsive Reading.....Sandra Moore

Leader: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture:.....Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon: "What are You Waiting For?"Rev. Audrey H. Reese

THE POINSETTIA

A reading.....Barry Burden

Carol: "O Flower of This Holy Night"Greensleeves

1. O Flower of this Holy Night	2. O lovely Gift of God most high
The joyful promise holds us,	To spirits dark and fearing
The blood red passion of thy bloom	In blossom and in verdant leaf,
In warmth and love enfolds us	How sweetly now appearing

Refrain

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Hope, Love and Mercy reign,
O're mountain high and desert plain
Joy, joy to Christ is come,
In human flesh appearing

3. A gladsome flower to behold
So perfect hath He made thee
Like unto Him we proclaim
In glorious song and story!

Refrain

THE GREENS

A Reading.....KimBurden

Offertory

*Doxology

*A Prayer of Dedication

Hanging of the Greens

Carol: "Deck The Halls"Welsh Carol

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa, la, la....

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa, la, la....

Don we now our gay apparel, fa, la, la...

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa, la, la

See the blazing Yule before us, fa, la, la...

Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa, la, la....

Follow me in merry measure, fa, la, la...

While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa, la, la....

Fast away the old year passes, fa, la, la...

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa, la, la...

Sing we joyous all together, fa, la, la....

Heedless of the wind and weather, fa, la, la...

THE TREE

A Reading – The Chrismons.....Steve Moore

A Chrismon Tree Hymn: "O Beauteous Tree, So Fair and Bright"

Text: Don Reid

1. O beauteous tree, so fair and bright, Shed o'er us all your starry light.

Remind us here to lift in prayer, Our thanks for God's eternal care.

2. Proud evergreen with sweeping grace, With grateful heart and happy face.

We turn ourselves from field of strife To God's sweet gift, eternal life.

3. Your rich perfume that fills our breath, Shall teach of birth, of life, of death

The Magi's gift before Him laid, Who for our guilt the ransom paid.

4. The cross we see, that symbol dread, Serves now to bind us all instead.

Your conq'ring sign on high unfurled, Shall hold in awe a fretful world.

5. This night we raise glad songs of joy, For Mary's tiny baby boy

We gather 'round this glowing tree, And lift our thoughts, Lord up to Thee.