

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 25, 2021

10:00 AM Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary
Christmas in July
Blessing of Teddy Bears

4:00 - 6:00 PM Wesley Open House

Monday, July 26, 2021

8:00 AM Aerobics & Strength in the Gym
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 30 in the Education Building

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

8:00 AM PiYo in the Gym
9:00 AM Merry Mailers in the Choir Room
9:30 AM MCLC Chapel

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8:00 AM Facebook Live Devotional
8:00 AM Aerobics & Strength in the Gym
4:30 PM Praise Ensemble Practice in the Sanctuary
5:30 PM Youth in the Youth Room
6:15 PM Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Thursday, July 29, 2021

8:00 AM PiYo in the Gym

Friday, July 30, 2021

8:00 AM Aerobics & Strength in the Gym

Sunday, August 1, 2021

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall & Online and reception potluck after church for Ashley Carpenter

****Please note: there is no Church Council Meeting on 7/27**

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

The Family of Joyce Sanders	Anthony Lee (son of Brenda Lee)
The McFee's Family (G. Beal)	Andrew Palmer (T. Craig)
Van & Debbie Allens granddaughter	Cathy Lay (M. Brister)
Howard Thorne	Judy Barbay (L. Schultz)
Gary Bourgeois (Hammerschmidt's neighbor)	Cathy Lott (D. & V. Allen)
Family of Gervis Bailey	Charlene Blevins (B. Vaughn)
Neely Biggs (P. Launey)	Chad Windborne (J. Schwarze)
Jared Jones (C. Slover)	Alex Baker (C. Scott)
Bob Demombreun	Ruth Wells (B. Vaughn)
Carolyn Sharp (sister of J. Porter)	Ronnie Cuevas (M. Bailey)
Beverly Shelton (sister of M. Mistrzak)	Lydia Derouen (D. & V. Allen)
Cindy Bankston	Mary Scarborough (M. Bailey)
Kent Koehler & kids (brother of K. Allen)	Douglas "Art" Howell (T. Craig)
MaryAnn Greer (S. Chavez)	Kayetha Wilson
Richard Oliver	Velva Day (P. Blanton)
Margaretta Mayes (C. Slover)	Mary Ann Greer (S. Chavez)
Stringfellow Family (M. Bailey)	John Nelson
Leighann Lovett (B. Nease)	Anna Wiggins
Donna McCullough	The Colvin Family
Bruce Buchanan (B. Haynes)	(A. & J. Carpenter)
Kay Broussard (J. Porter)	Kelley & Mark Allen
Patricia Launey	Frank Morales (J. Bailey)
Lori Woodard (J. Schwarze)	Angela Mallett (J. Schwarze)
Jerry Willbanks	Connie DeConte (A. Carpenter)
Hilda Hamilton	Nephew of Ron & Linda Kern
Brian Hughes	Billy O'Neal
Robert Chavez	Ronnie Perkins (C. White)
Lloydell Mullican (C. White)	
Carol Downs	
Montgomery (J. Blankenship)	
Devon Woodard (M. Bailey)	Hurricane Recovery Efforts, All Emergency Personnel, The Military, City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, The United States of America, Our World, Our Enemies, Our Church, & Those Who Have Hurt Us
Joan Faulk (M. Brister)	
Laila Prather (B. Prather)	



"Christmas in July"

Luke 2:8-21

July 25, 2021

Sunday Worship Online & in the Sanctuary
10:00 AM



Additional Prayer Requests or Notes:



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN”

MARTHA MIER

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM

ADGER M. PACE / R. FISHER BOYCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things! God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

#220

WORDS BY: JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1816

MUSIC BY: HENRY T. SMART, 1867

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1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

#221 v. 1,4

WORDS BY: CHRISTINA G. ROSSETTI, 1872

MUSIC BY: GUSTAV HOLST, 1906

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1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

ARR BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF FAITH

WE THREE KINGS

#254

WORDS AND MUSIC BY: JOHN H. HOPKINS, JR., 1857

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

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 2:8-21

SERMON

“CHRISTMAS IN JULY”

ANTHEM

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

ARR. BY: E.S. BARNES & AUSTIN C. LOVELACE

*HYMN OF INVITATION

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

#229

WORDS AND MUSIC BY: EDITH M.G. REED

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1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

JOY TO THE WORLD

#246 v. 1

WORD BY: ISSC WATTS, 1719

ARR. BY: LOWELL MASON, 1848

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1. 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.

POSTLUDE

“CAROL OF THE BELLS”

BY: FOWLER AND PETRANDO