

Bethany

BIBLE CHURCH



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

**“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
AND ON EARTH PEACE,
GOODWILL TOWARD MEN!”**

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another,

**“LET US NOW GO TO BETHLEHEM AND
SEE THIS THING THAT HAS COME TO PASS,
WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE KNOWN TO US.”**

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

Luke 2:13-17



THE LORD'S DAY

December 9, 2012

WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

MEDITATION

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. *Psalm 19:10*

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

†CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Choir *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Luke 2:13-17

ADORATION

†Angels, *from the Realms of Glory* **Hymn 193**
REGENT SQUARE

†CONGREGATIONAL READING **Psalm 40:4-10**
The congregation will read text in italics.

⁴ Blessed is that man who makes the Lord his trust, and does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

⁵ *Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order;*

if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

⁶ *Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; my ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.*

⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ *I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.”*

⁹ I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O Lord, You Yourself know.

¹⁰ *I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great assembly.*



†Doxology **OLD HUNDREDTH**
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 24**

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ensemble *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Ministry of Music *Silent Night*

†O Little Town of Bethlehem **Hymn 209**
FOREST GREEN

†CONGREGATIONAL READING **Colossians 1:15-22**

Pastor ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Women: ¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.

Men: All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Pastor: ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Women: ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

Men: ²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

All: ²¹And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²²in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

PETITION

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Choir *Long Ago and Far Away*



†As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn

Text: W. Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Tune: DIX, Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); adapt. W. H. Monk (1823-1889)

1.As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold,
 2.As with joy-ful steps they sped, To that low-ly man-ger bed,
 3.As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger rude and bare,
 4.Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day Keep us in the nar-row way;
 5.In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-a-ted light;

As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
 There to bend the knee be-fore, Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
 So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed soul at last
 Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown, Thou its Sun which goes not down:

So, most gra-cious God, may we Ev-er-more be led to Thee.
 So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy seat.
 All our cost-liest treas-ures bring, Christ, to Thee our heav'n-ly King.
 Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Ministry of Music

Of the Father's Love Begotten

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-40

Ensemble

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Nativity Carol

Choir

In the Bleak Mid-winter

THE SERMON
A Christmas Summary
Luke 2:8-11

Choir

Angels We Have Heard on High

†O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn **201**
ADESTE FIDELES

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

†Congregation will stand



Christmas Fellowship, 5:00 PM

A CHRISTMAS SUMMARY from LUKE 2:8-11

Pastor George Stiekas

Luke 2:11 provides an accurate summary of the birth and life of Jesus Christ, revealing all of the standard questions. While it is difficult to see Jesus as more than a little baby at Christmas, we must recognize that He was born to die as our substitute. He came to be our Savior, but in order do that, He had to become a man and live a sinless life. We ought to rejoice in the real meaning of Christmas, that Jesus was willing to become lower than His angels that we might have our sins forgiven and experience everlasting life.

1. Who was it that came?

2. How did He come?

3. Whereto did He come?

4. When did He come?

5. Why did He come?

6. Unto whom did He come?



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month & no evening service.
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekas personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT—5 PM, Christmas fellowship at John & Karen Strange's: bring your favorite Christmas treat, salty or sweet; every family unit should bring a wrapped 'white elephant gift'; please park on the Stranges' side of the street

WEDNESDAY—6:45 PM, AWANA; 7 PM, Youth Bible study, Adult Bible study, & Visitation; 8:30 PM, Deacons Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY—Combined Sunday School Prayer service; Morning worship service with choir of Faith of Taylors, S.C.

DECEMBER 19th—7 PM, Christmas Caroling

DECEMBER 24th—6 PM, Christmas Eve Communion

DECEMBER 31st—7 PM, New Year's Eve Prayer Service

	Dec 2	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$6,111	\$3,608	\$181,765	\$176,770
Missions	\$50		\$3,864	
Deacons Fund	\$665		\$7,349	
Building Fund	\$25		\$2,408	\$22,724

NEW MISSIONARY LETTERS: Waugh, Gibb

Weekly Catechism

23. Q. How miserable is man's condition resulting from the fall?
A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

Gen 3:8, 24; Eph 2:3; Gal 3:10; Rom 6:23; Matt 25:41

Planned Hymns for Next Week:

Good Christian Men, Rejoice (202); The First Noel (213); Away in a Manger (216); Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (205)