**First Sunday of Christmas**

*Christmas is a season of praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of Jesus Christ, which begins with Christmas Eve and continues through the day of Epiphany. The name Christmas comes from the season’s first service, the Christ Mass. The liturgical colors are white and gold.*

**December 29, 2019 10:00 a.m.**

The Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer: **O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Hymn 234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve’s punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.

Carol 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

Carol 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

(Stanza 1, 2, 4, and 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Carol 229 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God’s creation.

Carol 230 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to God’s promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

*Mary Did You Know*

Darlene Owens & Matthew Steed

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Carol 245 *The First Noel*

(Stanza 1 only)

THE FIRST NOEL

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

*Everybody’s Talking about the Baby Boy*

Charles & Karen Herlocker

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Carol 254 *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT

Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol 246 *Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

Doxology

Closing Hymn

Carol 251 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Benediction and Choral Benediction 204 *Emmanuel, Emanuel*

**Today, December 29, 2019**

Greeters: 10:45 Paul & Betty Currie Sound: Rick Stamper

Ushers: 10:45 Paul & Betty Currie Projection:

Piano: Sid Fields Organ: Pat Speight

Counters: Jill Almond, Stephen Eudy

Acolytes: 10:45 Cole Stinnett, Hunter Bivens Assisted by: Valerie Putnam

**Next Sunday, January 5, 2020**

Ushers: 8:45 Larry Kirk, Jack McRae

Greeters: 10:45 Donna Nichols, Bonnie Ward Sound: Rick Stamper Ushers: 10:45 Donna Nichols, Bonnie Ward Projection:

Piano: Sid Fields Organ: Pat Speight

Counters: Pat Speight, Lorraine Fesperman

Acolytes: 10:45 Reece Lee, Caitlyn Thompson Assisted by: Bonnie Ward

\*\*\* *Special Welcome to our Guests!* There is a place for you at Stony Hill! Please register on the fellowship pads on the inside aisle of each pew\*\*\*

**Announcements**

**Sunday, Dec. 29:** Sunday School at 9am, Combined Worship at 10am, Lunch Fellowship following worship.

**Monday, Dec. 30, at 6pm**, Soul Food at Grace Place (formerly Tabernacle UM Church). Helpers should be there by 5:15.

**Monday, Jan. 6 Open House at the Parsonage 3:00-5:00 pm.**

**Sunday, Jan 12 at 4-6pm** Uwharrie Local Church Officers Training at Wesley Chapel UMC, Misenheimer.

**Feb 9 at 5-7:30pm** “Changing the World One Community at a Time”: training for clergy and key leaders at Central UMC Albemarle.

**A new year is just around the corner.**  God calls each of us to serve in the local church.  How is God calling you to serve at Stony Hill?  New schedules are being made for usher, greeter, acolyte and acolyte assistant, sound and projection.  We especially need volunteers to run sound and projection!  Please contact Kathy Johnson for sound and projection training and Pat Mills (Worship Chair) if you are willing to serve so she can put you on the schedule.