BIDDING PRAYER

“COME TO THE MANGER”
by Mark Hayes
Janet Winder, Reader

Overture

I. The Nativity of Jesus

“Away in a Manger”
“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”

Rachelle Cox, Soprano

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Dennis Rasmussen, Tenor

“The First Noel”

Ellis Cantin, Soloist

“The Coventry Carol”

Cindy Huffman, Alto; Dick Casper, Baritone

Duet: Barbara Jordan, Alto; Robert Wood, Tenor

II. The Visit of the Wise Men

“What Can I Give Him”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Carol Zaffiri, Soprano

III. Christmas in the Manger

“We Go Out to Serve

*HYMN #134 “Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

David M. Cherwien

(Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.)

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To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally.

(Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Larry & Jeanne Stephen

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“A Strange Way to Save the World”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE

“Preparing for Christmas”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Christmas Day”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr, Olds 2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr, Olds 1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Taber & Joyce Curvin

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis & Jane Winne.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be studying our series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI -- Today's Christian Issues -- is an adult class that gathers weekly to explore how our Christian values inform our daily life. This week Jim Vander Slik will explore the Holy Spirit and gifts of the Spirit. The class will be suspended for the last two Sundays of December, resuming again on January 5th when Fred Heider will lead a session based on The Wired Word.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15,
led by Vicki Krueger

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the Minor Prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the Immersion Bible Studies— Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

10:45 A.M. “Defenders”

The “Defenders” meets in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. Today’s class is the sixth and final session of a 6-week study Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright. For more information or questions, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.