

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

VOTUM

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

“The star stopped over the place where the child was. When the wise men saw that the star was stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.”

Lord, shine your guiding light upon our lives. Help us to rejoice always with exceeding great joy!

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure they offered him gifts.”

Lord, we bow in worship this morning. Accept our praise, accept our lives, accept our love as the gifts that we bring to you this day.

“The shepherds returned to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen.”

Lord, when we return to our homes and our jobs and our schools, may we glorify and praise you for that we have seen and heard.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #170**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***SALUTATION**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

(unison)

Great God of power and of love, we praise you for Jesus Christ who came to save us from our sin. We thank you for the prophets' hope, the angels' song, the wondrous birth in Bethlehem. We thank you that in Jesus you joined us, sharing human pain and joy, and granting us eternal love. In these quiet moments, grant us your light and your peace. Illumine our lives with the wonderful tidings that unto us a Savior has been born. In his precious name we pray, Amen.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Heidi Wilson

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Nancy Dey, Warren & Audrey Schmidt

Nursery: Zandt & Brooke Johnson

Fellowship: Bob & Nancy Dey

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing on **Tuesday, January 8th**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Crossroads in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

CONSISTORY

Lisa Ellison, Doug Sonderfan and Duane Woodward have been selected to serve terms on the Consistory. They will be installed in January. If there are any scriptural objections to their serving, please contact a present Consistory member or the pastor.

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to all who have signed up for fellowship this past year. The new sign-up sheet for Jan and Feb is now up and urge you to start the new year by signing up for a date good for you. We all do enjoy our fellowship hour, we do like and need to share the fun, friendship and food!!

FOOD PANTRY

The following is needed at the food pantry: tomato sauce, beef stew, chili, ravioli/spaghettios, tea/coffee, and canned milk. We also need paper goods like toilet paper.