

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

PRELUDE *“The Birthday of a King”*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Carneal

Leader: Come into the presence of the Most High God
People: With songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

Leader: For our savior frees us from slavery;

People: Our savior heals our diseases;

Leader: Our Savior is our peace.

People: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come; let us worship God.

HYMN *“O Come, All Ye Faithful” #145*

Vs. 1 – O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Vs. 2 – Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Refrain

**please stand as you are able*

Vs. 3 – Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Refrain:

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

“A Nativity Prayer”

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. We have no right to be called your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri” #623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2–7

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:18–2:1–12

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Something About That Christmas Spirit”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” #124

Vs. 1 – Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,

Born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;

Dear Desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Vs. 2 – Born Thy people to deliver, Born a Child, and yet a King,

Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.



Welcome to Swift Church

July 21, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



We proclaim Christ's love and
grace through serving and nurturing
body, mind, and soul.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *"The Apostles' Creed"*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *"What Child Is This?"*

*RESPONSE *"What Can I Give Him?"* #154

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wiseman
I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him?
Give Him my hearts.

*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*HYMN *"Joy to the World!"* #125

Vs. 1 – Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Vs. 2 – Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Vs. 3 – No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Vs. 4 – He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

SENDING

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ's love and grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"The First Noel"*



Please join us in the fellowship hall for
refreshments immediately following worship
and stay for more Bible study and crafts!