

Welcome and Announcements

Lia Scholl

Hymn of Praise

People Look East

Bescanon

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Weave up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Watches, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Godly Play

The Holy Family

Lighting the Advent Candle

The poet, George Herbert, wrote:
'Love bade me welcome, but my soul drew back.'

It's hard to take in the enormity of God's love made flesh in Jesus Christ. We look at the candles and enjoy the special music of the season. It's easier to listen to the radio or buy the red cup at the coffee shop than to dwell on the truth.

The psalmist knew it long before Jesus:
'For with The Lord, there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.'

God became one of us, out of love for all of us, then and now and forever.

When we light the candle of Love, we stop in awe of God's unending love.

Whatever we face in life, God's steadfast love surrounds us.

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Prayers of the People

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

Zephaniah 3:14-2

Hymn of Offering

For One Great Peace

POXC

Musical score for 'For One Great Peace' with lyrics and guitar chords (G, Em7, D, Bm, F#m, G7).

Congregation: Unison

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Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

arranged by Mark Hay

* Offertory Response

Prepare the Royal Highway

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRA

God's is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
God's rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love;
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding
Hosanna to the Lord, for Christ fulfills God's Word

or justice or of mercy, let us resist and disrupt together.

Thank you for your generous gifts to The Parenting Path (formerly SCAN) family. Christmas elves Sara Sinal and Lydia Cavanaugh delivered gifts your gifts. They received everything on the list and much more!

You should have received an update on your **2018 pledged giving** via email this week. If you did not, please contact Lia, Ross, or Outfitters4 (email to: vfbc@outfitters4.com) so that we can make sure your records are correct. Checks for 2018 will be received through mid-January. Feel free to send your offerings to Wake Forest Baptist Church, P O Box 7326, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 23 Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel
12:00 Reception

Monday, December 24

5:00 Christmas Eve Worship, Davis Chapel

Sunday, December 30

11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel
12:00 Reception

Sunday, January 6

11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel
12:00 Reception

Supplies needed:

- The printout of the ornament pieces that you will be coloring—we recommend printing them out onto thick card stock paper if you can.
- A pair of scissors
- Tape and a glue stick
- Coloring pencils/crayons/markers
- Baker's twine/string/thread

Steps:

1. We recommend having your child/children color and decorate the ornament pieces first. If you have more than one child, you may want to print out a set for each child to make their own ornament set.
2. Once the ornament pieces have been colored and decorated, cut along the dotted line around each of the ornament pieces.
3. Fold each piece down the middle.
4. Use small rolls of tape or glue to adhere the inside halves of two of the ornament pieces, making sure they match evenly.
5. With the string, create a long loop, then glue or tape the bottom parts of the string into the center of the two pieces. Knot the loop at the top of the ornament.
6. Glue or tape the third ornament piece to the inside of the other blank half.

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