



Lighting up Memphis

in Memory of...

John & Madelyn Cole

by Jessica Orians

Donna Matlock

by Robin Ashworth

Dick Lutey

Millie Young

by Doreen & David Lutey

Hal Blow

Tommy Pillow

by Judy Burrow

Don Shultz

Anne Mae Stanley

Homer Fowler

by Erich Shultz

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by Leiza Collins

Frank Van Nortwick

Arlene Van Nortwick

Betty Allshouse

by Robin & John Van Nortwick

Cindy Bagatellas

by Linda Waltz

Bill & Miriam Gilmer

Joan Kelly

by John Gilmer

Scott Dotson

by Barry Dotson

Arthur & Catherine Davidson

by Carol Mitchell

Loving Parents

by Pete & Fran Addicott

Lois & Dick Dawson

Betty & By Keasler

by Kay & Scott Dawson

Ray Getske

by Katherine Getske

Lois and Paul Morrow

Lois Barnhart

by Lynn Ward



in Honor of...

Jessica, Sean, Jack & Emmy Orians

Joseph Hooker

by Beverly & Bill Hooker

Nancy Berry

Stephanie Brigman

Patsy Collins

Kay Dawson

Becky DeLoach

Julie DeMarco

Mary Nell Easum

Cliff Gurlen

Susie Knight

Carla Meisterman

Fran Shannon

Kathy Singleton

By Shirley & Dick Vosburg

Carla Meisterman

Lorie Blackwelder

Janice Carney

by Casey & Ellie Gurlen

Thursday Small Group Members

by Glenda Ellis

Laurel Gilmer

Emily & Britain Miethe

Max & Sam Willner

by John Gilmer

Farley & Ed Ezekiel

Emily & Greg Cranis

Davis Howe

by Dave & Any Howe

Bill & Beverly Hooker

by Jessica Orians

Carla Meisterman

Lorie Blackwelder

by Janice Carney

Molly & Maggie Ward

Courtney & Jerry Chavez

Brooke & David Ward

by Lynn Ward

Doris Farley

Mary Jane Colyer

by Amy & Dave Howe

Gary Davidson

by Carol Mitchell

Emma LeNoue

Owen LeNoue

by Janice & Scott Hill

William & Linda Warren

by Pete & Fran Addicott

Rod & Dorothy Schmitz

by Mary Schmitz

Lucy, Sam, & Celia Kaplan

by Jan & Dave Kaplan

Fran Addicott

by Leiza Collins

Lorine Bly

by Sharon Blackwelder

In honor of our grandbabies

Penelope & Phoebe

by Don & Karen Pilkington

Andy Matlock

By Robin Ashworth



Balmoral Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

A Service of Worship

December 24, 2018



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balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve Candlelight

5:00pm

**asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able and please silence your cell phone*

*In the Christmas story God takes the risk of incarnation.
The flesh God chooses is that of a vulnerable baby.
Christmas is a reminder that we are invited to be born anew
in the shape of our God – given selves.
Parker Palmer*

Bells of Balmoral “Still, Still, Still” arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Chiming of the Hour Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

Call to Worship

One Voice: The God who breathed this world into being and set stars
in the heavens to light our way

ALL: chose to be vulnerable entering the world in human flesh.

One Voice: From the mystery of eternity the Word became flesh and
dwelt among us.

ALL: In Christ God became like us so we can become like Christ.

***Hymn 133** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES

Light that Overcomes the Darkness

The Light of Hope

**ALL: The candle of hope represents the longing that resides in our
hearts: for good health, a safer world, a world rid of oppression and
fear. The light of hope illumines the darkness. Hope is inspired in
the God who has come to dwell in us.**

Hymn 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

The Light of Peace

**ALL: The candle of peace illumines the unity we share as beloved
children of God, called to live in harmony with one another. Only as
partners in peace can we stand against racism, division, aggression
and violence. Peace is revealed in God who comes to dwell in us.**

Passing the Peace

*Greet one another by saying “The peace of Christ be with you”
and respond, “and also with you”.*

***Congregational Chorus** “Let there Be Peace On Earth” Jill Jackson & Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator We are family,
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me.**

The Light of Joy

**ALL: The candle of joy reminds us that the joy of the Lord is our
strength. The psalmist wrote, “When anxiety was great within me,
the consolation of God brought me joy”. The light of joy transforms
darkness into the brightness of day. Joy is the fullness of God who
comes to dwell in us.**

Choral Offering “African Alleluia” Benjamin Harlan

Scripture Readings Isaiah 9: 2-3,6-7 & John 1:1-5,14 Rev. Carla Meisterman

Homily The Possibility of Incarnation Rev. Carla Meisterman

Bells of Balmoral “What Child Is This” arr. Linda Lamb

The Light of Love

**ALL: The candle of love is the brilliant flame we seek to warm our
hearts and sustain our souls. Love is not self-seeking. Love keeps no
record of wrongs. Love rejoices in truth. Love is the name of God.
Love is experienced in the God who has come to dwell in us.**

Choral Offering “The Hands That First Held Mary’s Child” Dan Forrest
Phyllis Long, cellist

The Light of Christ

**ALL: We light the Christ Candle to remind us that the Christ light will
shine through all of us when we forgive one another, when we pray
for our enemies, when we feed and clothe the poor, when we
welcome the stranger, when we provide clean water to those who
thirst, when we choose concern over indifference, love over hate
and compassion over judgment. The light of Christ is God who
comes to dwell in us.**

***Hymn 121** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST LOUIS

Prayers of the People

Musical Offering “O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam
Emily Collins, Soloist

Invitation to Let Our Light Shine

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*To light your UNLIGHTED candle, turn it to the side.
Place your wick in the candle’s flame until it is lit.
Hold your LIT candle upright.
Let the person next to you turn their candle to the side
to light their candle from your candle.*

***Hymn** “Silent Night, Holy Night” STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
Silent night, Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”
Silent night, Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Silent night, Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

***Hymn** “Joy to the World!” ANTIOCH
*When we begin to sing “Joy to the World,”
carefully hold your candle in the air.*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
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.
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.**

***Benediction and Blessing** Rev. Carla Meisterman