



Lighting up Memphis

in Memory of...



in Honor of...

John & Madelyn Cole

by Jessica Orians

Phil Smith

Betty Smith

by Dave & Glenda Ellis

Dick Lutey

Millie Young

by Doreen Lutey

Richard Harold Blow

by Judy Burrow

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by Erich Shultz

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Jane Broeker

by Leiza Collins

Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Sechrist

Mr. & Mrs. W.N. Sparger

by Dona Sparger

Richard Jordan, Sr.

by The Bruce family

My grandmother "Banty"

Elsa Reinoeh Lyles

by Karen Pilkington

Pat Beard.

by Judy & Mal Thomson

Frank Van Nortwick

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Betty Allhouse

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Bill & Miriam Gilmer

Joan Kelly

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by Barry Dotson

Loving Parents

by Pete & Fran Addicott

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Paul Morrow

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by Ruby Jean Powell

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Emily Wernsdorfer

by Beverly & Bill Hooker

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Laurel Gilmer

Emily & Britain Miethe

Max & Sam Willner

by John Gilmer

Lynn Ward

by Lisa Koffman

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by Jessica Orians

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by Anonymous

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by Dona Sparger

**Grandsons Henry, Harrison,
and Jack**

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by Nancy Berry

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Don & Dorothy Schneider

by Jane Schneider

Rick Powell

Nancy Powell

by Ruby Jean Powell

Carolyn Shultz

by Erich Shultz

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Lorie Blackwelder

Sharon Blackwelder

Amber & Jade Baldwin

Casey & Ellie Gurlen

Lynn Ward

John Gilmer

Church Office Volunteers

by Janice Carney

Molly & Maggie Ward

Courtney & Jerry Chavez

Brooke & David Ward

by Lynn Ward

Emma LeNoue

Owen LeNoue

by Janice & Scott Hill

**Beloved children & grandchild-
ren**

by Pete & Fran Addicott

Lorine Bly

by Sharon Blackwelder

In honor of our grandbabies

Penelope & Phoebe

by Don & Karen Pilkington

Ian & Noah Mercer

My Balmoral sisters Becky,

Karen & Leiza

by Robin Ashworth

Clara Jordan

by the Bruce family

Heather Baldick

Barry Dotson

Dick Vosburg

by Mary Nell Easum

Jane Winiarski

by Doreen Lutey



Balmoral Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve

A Service of Worship

December 24, 2019



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bell choir

balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve Candlelight

5:00pm

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

Bells of Balmoral "Silent Night" Cathy Moklebust

Chiming of the Hour Bells of Balmoral

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Traditional/arr. Faye Lopez

Call to Worship Advent Candles Youth of Balmoral

One Voice: Tonight the angels hover near with great anticipation.

ALL: God is coming to earth!

One Voice: Tonight heavenly hosts put on their robes to sing great songs of joy.

ALL: God is coming to earth!

One Voice: Tonight we gather to worship, remembering God's ancient story of love.

ALL: We gather, once again, to ignite the light of hope, the light of peace, the light of joy, the light of love, the light of Christ, in our hearts, in our lives, in our world!

***Hymn 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Confession Rev. Carla Meisterman

ALL: Ever present God, this night we gather to remember that You love us. Your love is proven to us in Christ whose Spirit of love and justice is meant to reign on earth. We confess we subvert Your presence and Your purposes with self-serving preferences, self-centered actions and complacency borne of comfort and privilege. Forgive us. Tonight, in the light of Your love, illumine the changes we need to make to fulfill our purpose in Christ: doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with You, our God.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance Rev. Carla Meisterman

Congregational Chorus 155 "Raise a Song of Gladness" JUBILATE DEO
(sing twice)

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, Alleluia, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, Alleluia, joy to every heart.**

Choral Offering "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. Dan Forest
Chris Piecuch, woodwind

Invitation to Centering Silence... Rev. Carla Meisterman
Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination Ellie Gurlen

Scripture Readings Isaiah 42: 1-7, 9 Luke 2: 1-7
Ellie Gurlen & Rev. Carla Meisterman

A Christmas Miracle Rev. Carla Meisterman

Silent Reflection...
In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.

Prayers of the People Rev. Carla Meisterman

HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Musical Offering "Mary, Did You Know?" by Buddy Greene, arr. Jack Schrader
Erich Shultz, Clinton Bailey, Bob Kaiser, John Gilmer

The Light of Christ

ALL: We light candles 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.

Invitation to Let Our Light Shine

Youth of Balmoral & 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

Postlude "God Rest You Merry" HELD

