

The Worship of God

December 29, 2019 – First Sunday of Christmas

Gathering

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude *Variations on “For Unto Us a Child is Born”* arr. Michael Burkhardt
As the prelude begins, let us prepare silently for worship.

Ritual of Friendship (Please pass the Fellowship Pad)

Concerns and Celebrations

+ Rev. Jerrod B. Lowry, General Presbyter & Stated Clerk, The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

Call to Worship

One: Hope has come -

All: Awakening us to new possibilities.

One: Peace has come -

All: Inviting us to be agents of reconciliation.

One: Joy has come -

All: Turning our hearts from fear to wonder.

One: Love has come -

All: Transforming our lives, transforming our world.

One: We have come -

All: Amazed and humbled by God’s grace, to worship the newborn king!

+Choral Introit *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* Hayes

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn #134 *Joy to the World*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship* - Year A)

Holy God, you are the Light of the World. Yet, too often, we shroud your light with our indifference. There is much we must confess: when we turn a blind eye to suffering, forgive us. When we are silent in the face of injustice, forgive us. When we choose comfort over compassion, forgive us. When we neglect to offer grace and love, forgive us. Illumine the shadows of our lives with your light – which the most persistent darkness cannot overcome – and open our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Pardon

**The Gloria Patri* Hymn #581

*Those who are able, please stand
+ 11:00 Worship Service only

The Offering

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and *New Church Development Offering*

Offertory *The First Noel* arr. Laura Wasson

**The Doxology* Hymn #606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Word

+Conversation with the Children Joyce Winkler

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-9

+Anthem *Well Done, My Faithful Servant* Choplin

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon **“Hard Reading”** Rev. John Causey

Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed Page 35 of Hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Sending

*Hymn #158 *Born in the Night, Mary’s Child*

+Retirement Recognition Steve Spoon

+Blessing

*Charge and Benediction

+Choral Response *A Blessing of Music* J. Martin

Postlude *Joy to the World* arr. Wilbur Held

Calendar for the Week

Sunday 12/29	8:30am	Early Worship – <i>New Church Development Offering</i>
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – <i>New Church Development Offering</i>
	Noon	Reception for John & Margaret Causey
Mon 12/30	1-5:30pm	BLOOD DRIVE
Tues 12/31	4-6:00pm	Sanctuary open for Prayer & Anointing
Wed 1/1		New Year’s Day – Office Closed
Thurs 1/2	6:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir
Fri 1/3	10:00am	PW Coordinating Team Meeting
	2-6pm	Faithful 1 st Friday at St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church
Sunday 1/5	8:30am	Early Worship – <i>Communion</i>
	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship – <i>Communion</i>
		Installation of New Church Officers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this service of Worship. Our prayer is that all will be blessed as we worship together. Visitors, please fill out a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter as you leave worship. Thank you.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **the Braddock family** to the **Glory of God** and in loving honor of **Margaret & John Causey and the impact on our church and community through their unlimited servant leadership.**

We welcome visitors who have joined us today to celebrate John & Margaret's retirement.

Our **Christian Sympathy** to Deb Claxton whose father Jon Molinatto died under Hospice Care on Saturday, December 21.

Today is a "fifth Sunday" and as we do throughout the year we will collect a special offering for New Church Development in our Presbytery. Please use one of the yellow envelopes in the pew racks.

We are Hiring. Seeking someone who loves children. This is a paid staff position to help with covering the 8:30 service Nursery during fall/winter/spring and help during the 11:00 service as needed up to 3 hours per week. If interested please contact Dr. Mike Claxton (443-904-0512 or mikeclaxton50@gmail.com) for more information .

*Copies of the weekly 11:00 Worship Service are available on CD in the Narthex and Video Podcast will be downloaded to church website (www.shallottechurch.org) by Tuesday morning as a courtesy to Members, Visitors, and those unable to attend
Attendance last Sunday: 8:30a.m. – 46; 11:00a.m. – 100*

Prayer Concerns: Tim Bartlett, John Buechner, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Betty Coggins, Larry Cook, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Ann Long, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Mary Sanderford, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson and Bob Williams.

Rev. John Causey, Minister causeyoib@atmc.net

Robin Fort, Music Director

Randy Warner, Organist/Pianist

Joyce Winkler, Qualified Ruling Elder

Dr. Les & Dr. Christy Morgan, Missionaries home from Bangladesh



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