

The paraments are white, symbolizing the birth of the Christ child.
**Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE	Gloria	GLORIA
Glo---ri-a, in excelsis Deo! Glo---ri-a, in excelsis Deo!		

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Cokley Family

Leader: Tonight, we gather to remember with the prophet Isaiah: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this (Isaiah 9:6-7).

All: We gather to once again bask in the glory that visited a stable and a manger, shepherds watching their flocks, and a young couple cradling the newborn Messiah.

Leader: We light the Christ candle as a sign of the glory that came among us in unexpected places and to unexpected people, that we may be people who seek and follow the glory of the Christ child here and now.

SUNG RESPONSE 246 (v. 1)

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. 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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Laura Gunter

ANTHEM

Away in a Manger
Chancel Choir

CRADLE SONG
arr. Howard Helvey

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Scott Rankin

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Joy to the World
Chancel Choir

ANTIOCH
arr. PinkZebra

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 251 (refrain) Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop Gary Rivas

*HYMN 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scott Rankin

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

Scott Rankin

SERMON

“The Birth of Jesus”

Bishop Gary Rivas

*CANDLELIGHT HYMN 239

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Bishop Gary Rivas

POSTLUDE

Silent Night
Patty Bellus, organ

Franz Grüber
arr. Joyce Jones

Acolytes: Will Haunert & William Horton

Lay Reader: Scott Rankin

Ushers: Ed Garrison, Coke Goodwin, Hank Green, Shannon West, Leon Willson, Greg Younghans

In Our Prayers

Members: Margaret Childs, Mary Clark, Charlotte Evans, Becky Ferguson, Julia Halford, Linda King, Alice Pierce, Paulette Player, Joanne Poe, Judy Smith, Vi Smith, David & Jane Weaver

Military: Hunter Bass, Noah Cheek, Salamnesh Kolb, Ben Watson, Zack Watson, Michael Williams, Tanner Willson

Others: Pete Abene, Jim Anderson, Steve Bradley, Johnny Chavis, Kayela Corbett, Joe Creel, Logan Hunter, Emma Kershaw, **Anna Young Laye**, Jane Moffett, Linda Cooper Mundy, Lisa Osten, Stephen Poe, Liz Smith, Valerie Wagner

This Week's Meetings & Events

LSUMC Walkers (M–F): 7–9:30 a.m. & 4–6:00 p.m.

Wed 12/24 10:00 a.m. Family Nativity Service (FLC)

12:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Candlelight (Gym)

Thu 12/25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service (Sanctuary)

Sun 12/28 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

12/22–1/2 Church Office & LLP closed

Ways to give

Offering: Contribute during worship.

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Mail In: Send your tithe/donation to the church office.

RMD (Req. Min. Distribution): Speak to your broker.

Scan to give



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9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (livestream on Facebook & YouTube)
(radio broadcast from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on 102.7 FM WPUB)

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship (livestream on Facebook & YouTube)
Bishop Gary Rivas, Senior Pastor glrivas@umcsc.org