

## Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ... 5th Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve Service

**Al West:** The *1st candle of Advent* reminds us the Christ of our HOPE was born.... **(light the PINK candle)** ....

The *2nd Candle of Advent* reminds us that PEACE is a gift that we must prepare for.... **(light 1 Purple candle)** ....

The *3rd Candle of Advent* is the candle of JOY. It reminds us of the joy the Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her a child who would save and deliver all who believe in Him by faith .... **(light 2nd Purple candles)** ....

The *4th Candle of Advent* is the candle of LOVE. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for His children through faith in Jesus Christ .... **(light the 3rd PURPLE candle)** ....

**Al West:** A reading from the Gospel of Luke: “And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David, To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so, it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn,” (Luke 2:1-7).

**Congregation:** We light the Christ Candle to remind us that the light of the world was born on Christmas Day. The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Light the 5th remaining Candle of Advent ... (WHITE candle)**

**ALL:** Almighty God, You have made this night holy by the gift of Your Son, born of the Holy Spirit. Upon Him rested all Your grace, through Him has come all Your mercy. Let His light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles before us. Empower us to hear Your word to celebrate Your everlasting love through the strong Name of Jesus Christ we pray. AMEN.

# Welcome To Gloucester Point Baptist Church



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# Gloucester Point Baptist Church

5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2018

*Please pick up a candle in the Narthex  
before entering the Sanctuary*

PRELUDE Barbara Stevens  
HYMN 77\* "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Congregation  
WELCOME/PRAYER Pastor Bud Goude  
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Al West

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-33 Sonya Anthony  
SPECIAL MUSIC "Breath Of Heaven" Alyssa Owens  
(Mary's Song)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:34-38 Sonya Anthony  
SPECIAL MUSIC "Christmas Medley" Kaylee Walls

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7 Pauline Littell  
HYMN 86 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" Congregation

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Birthday Of A King" Donna Goude  
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 2:8-20 Amy Boykin  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED IN LIBERIA Debra Wood

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:1-12 Keith Belvin  
SPECIAL MUSIC "Tiny Miracle" Chancel Choir  
(by Pepper Chopin)

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:13-15 Al West  
HYMN 111\* "Sing We Now Of Christmas" Congregation

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 7:14 Pastor Bud Goude  
SCRIPTURE TEXT: HEBREWS 10:5-10 Pastor Bud Goude  
MESSAGE: "Christmas Eve In Heaven" Pastor Bud Goude  
CHRISTMAS SCENE: "Christ's Manger" Church Members

*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know  
Jesus by receiving His love and His church's ministries.  
Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place  
it on the candle table in the Narthex. Thank You!*

INVITATIONAL HYMN 103 "Away In A Manger" Congregation  
LORD'S SUPPER Deacons  
CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN 91\* "Silent Night" Congregation  
(first sung Christmas Eve 200 years ago)  
CHRISTMAS SCENE "Christ's Manger" Church Members  
CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Bud Goude

*\*Congregation Please Stand*

*Please extinguish your candle and return it  
to the table in the Narthex*

*Merry Christmas and have a Christ Focused New Year!!*



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