

5th Sunday in Advent

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

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

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) Crawford Family**

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) Greggs Family**

At 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 Candle of Advent ... (WHITE candle)Janice West

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.

Gloucester Point Baptist Church

5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2019

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

PRELUDE Alyssa Owens & Barbara Stevens
HYMN 86* "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" Congregation
WELCOME/PRAYER Pastor Bud Goude
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Al West & Deacon Family Members
(on back page)

ANNUNCIATION TO THE SHEPHERDS

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-20 Pastor Bud Goude
SPECIAL MUSIC MEDLEY Aaron Cirillo
"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" & "The First Nowell"
HYMN 95 "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Congregation

DEDICATION IN THE TEMPLE

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:21-39 Pastor Bud Goude
SPECIAL MUSIC "Mary Did You Know" Sandy McElfresh
HYMN 87 "Joy To The World" Congregation

WISEMEN VISIT

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor Bud Goude
HYMN 113* "We Three Kings" Congregation

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:13-20

SCRIPTURE TEXT: John 1:1-5, 9-14 Elyza Willard
MESSAGE: "The Miracle of the Manger" Pastor Bud Goude
INVITATIONAL HYMN 103* "Away In A Manger" Congregation

*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!*

COMMUNION

SERVING THE SUPPER Deacons
CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN 91* Congregation
"Silent Night"
CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Bud Goude
POSTLUDE Alyssa Owens & Barbara Stevens

**Congregation Please Stand*

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

*Merry Christmas and Continue to Love God, Love Others,
and Serve Christ in His World!!*



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