

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**AT SWIFT CHURCH**  
*First Sunday of Christmas*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Carneal

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in the heavens.

**People: Praise the Lord from the earth!**

Leader: Young and old alike,

**People: men and women together. Praise the Lord!**

Leader: In this beautiful world,

\*HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High” #132

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Silent Prayer “Lord, I Pray”*

**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader ...In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God’s mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As the Lord has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

\*RESPONSE “Gloria Patri” (#623)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 148

SECOND READING Luke 2:41–52

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Search and You Will Find”

Mrs. Sarah Cornell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #145

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the**

**third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Offertory “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

\*RESPONSE “Doxology” (#625)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*\*please stand as you are able*

## SENDING

\*HYMN “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #138

\*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim Christ’s love and Grace through serving and nurturing body, mind and soul.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE “There’s a Song in the Air”

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### December Special Mission Offering

Our mission offering for December is the Presbyterian Home for Children, a ministry of the Presbyterian churches of Alabama, that cares for teenage girls who have experienced abuse or neglect, and boys and girls of all ages and their caregivers, who find themselves homeless because of poverty, abuse, or abandonment. The offering collected on Christmas Eve will be sent to support this mission. However, during the entire month of December, you can give to this mission by making your check or offering envelope “for PHFC mission.”



Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately following worship!



# Welcome to Swift Church

December 29, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



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grace through serving and nurturing  
body, mind, and soul.

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