

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 2006

11:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude: Harpist – Laurel Thompson
Processional Hymn: *83 O come, all ye faithful*
Blessing of the Crèche

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355
Gloria in Excelsis *S 278* BCP p. 356

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Psalm: *96* (Sung by Choir & Congregation)

The Epistle: Titus 2:11-20

Sequence Hymn: *87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
Alleluia Verse

The Holy Gospel: Luke: 2:1-14

The Sermon: The Rev. John Grafton Cockrell

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People VI BCP p. 392

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Of the Father's Love Begotten* *Chenoweth*

Presentations of Gifts and Tithes *110 vs. 4*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus *S 128* BCP p. 362

Memorial Acclamation *S 132*

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem *S 154* BCP p. 364

Communion Hymns: *91*

Harpist – Laurel Thompson

Post-Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Post Communion Hymn *111 Silent night, holy night*

Acolytes will light the candle of the person seated at the end of each pew. Please light the candle of the person next to you. The sanctuary lights will be dimmed as we kneel to sing the hymn. (You may take your candle with you)

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *96 Angels we have heard on high*

Dismissal— Response "Thanks be to God"

Postlude

On this most Holy Night, we welcome all visitors to Christ Church in the name of the babe born in Bethlehem, Jesus, who is Christ the Lord! A Merry Christmas to everyone and a New Year of abundant blessings! Please worship with us again!

SERVING TONIGHT

Organist & Choirmaster: Terry Whittington

Chalicer / Lector: Louisa Sowers

Chalicer / Epistoler: Teresa Paine

Ushers: C. William Davis Marc Meachum

Acolytes: Elizabeth Burton Deak Kersey
Burt Kersey

Altar Guild: Mrs. C. William Davis
Mrs. William F. Hillier
Mrs. Michael Sudduth

THE ALTAR FLOWERS that grace the altar this Christmas Eve is given to the glory of God by Barbara Sudduth in memory of our Mother, Nancy C. Sudduth.

The Christ Church Crèche is hand carved of solid wood by Dr. Ralph McCue. It is dedicated "In Loving Memory of Laurel Clarkson McCue", his mother.

Betty Meachum, Peggy Foster, Mary Ellen McCue, and Ann Hillier have given the Evergreen Wreaths to the glory of God and in memory of Loved Ones.

IN THANKSGIVING FOR

Friends at Christ Church for Grafton Cockrell

*MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS***

<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Puckett</i>	<i>In honor of Will Puckett</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sowers</i>	<i>Parents and Dickie</i>
<i>John & Becky Beckett</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Walker</i>	<i>In Memory of Bing</i>
	<i>Sudduth</i>
<i>Denise Melvin</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>John & Delia Kersey</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Wells Family</i>	<i>Dan Wells</i>
<i>Peggy Foster</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Jay Kephart</i>	<i>Rick</i>
<i>Paul, Paul, & Rebecca Broyles</i>	<i>Family & Friends</i>
<i>Michael & Elizabeth Richardson</i>	<i>Grandmother</i>
<i>Terry Whittington</i>	<i>Terry & Thelma Kelly</i>
	<i>Whittington</i>
<i>Joseph Hunnicutt &</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Annette Osborne</i>	
<i>Bobbi & David Kersey</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Mary & Don Kersey, Sr.</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Joe & Janice Sanders</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Mike & Kay Sudduth</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Marla Creasy</i>	<i>Mother-Maxine Belcher</i>
	<i>Father-Bob Belcher</i>
<i>Wells Family</i>	<i>Jacqueline Enequist</i>
<i>Marc & Patricia Meachum</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Creighton & Barbara Lilly</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Graham</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Debbie & David Faber</i>	<i>Remembering our</i>
	<i>parents</i>
	<i>Elaine Melton Faber</i>
	<i>John Smith Faber</i>
	<i>B. Peyton Anderson, Jr.</i>

*** Poinsettia plants may be taken home after the 11:00 p.m. service*