

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Natalie Bishop  
Steve Cavender's Family  
Hiram & Regina Darden  
Chase Davis & Family  
Harriet Flick  
Lester Goodman  
Vickie Lonidier  
John Newman Family  
Our Country  
Our President  
Our Leaders  
Matt & Molly Pauley  
Brooke, Melissa, Skylar Roberson  
Paula Stamp  
Lillie Young  
Allison Parrish  
Sande Williams

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgist:** John Darden

**Elders on Duty:** Jim Allen Bradfield, Cynthia Tidwell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Happy Birthday this week to:** (1/11) Jo Loyd, Emily Cobb, Alyssa Barton

The congregational meeting previously scheduled for December 20, has been rescheduled for today, Sunday, January 10, 2021, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to select the slate of elders-elect for the Class of 2023. The elder nominating committee has selected the following people:

**John Darden, Jolene Davis, Gary Knox, Doug Pauley**

Nominations can be made from the floor; however, please ensure you have the person's permission first.

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JANUARY:**

**Liturgists for January:**

**Jan.10:** John Darden  
**Jan. 17:** Bobby Goldston  
**Jan. 24:** Annie Pauley  
**Jan. 31:** Mike Pauley

**Elders on Duty:**

Jim Allen Bradfield, Cynthia Tidwell  
Sandy Mann, Elliot Lamb  
Wade Hall, Cynthia Tidwell  
Pat Briggs

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM TEAM:**

Reverend Dave Omerod, Interim Pastor  
Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary  
Mike Pauley, Youth Director  
Jo Loyd, Organist  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
Pam Darden, God's Promised Land Coordinator  
Amy Crites, Children's Choir Director  
Meagan Ferrell, Nursery Worker

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*If you are interested in church membership,  
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
please speak with one of our elders.*



# LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 10, 2021  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Baptism of the Lord

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE** "Lay Your Burden Down" (James Michael Stevens)  
Rick Robertson, piano

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding start behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.*

*Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.*

**\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

God of sovereigns and commoners, we confess that we are often more impressed with famous people than we are with your amazing glory. The rulers of this earth are more real to us than the One who reigns over time and eternity. Your priorities are not foremost in our lives. We reach for power and popularity more than for justice for the poor. We are more focused on prosperity than on relief for the oppressed. Our pursuits do not satisfy; save us from their fragmenting grip in our lives. Cause a new epiphany among us, we pray. Amen.

\*PERSONAL AND PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (IN UNISON)

**God will judge us with righteousness and deliver us from the oppressive greed to which we have succumbed. The showers of God's blessings will fall on us like rain on new-mown grass. Peace will abound in the hearts of those who give help to the poor and needy. God commissions us, as fellow heirs with Christ, to fulfill the mission given to the saints.**

\*APOSTLE'S CREED (IN UNISON)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Because He Lives” (arr. Bill Wolaver)  
Rick Robertson, piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mike Pauley

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2: 1-11

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?” “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea,” they answered. “For this is what the prophet wrote: ‘Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel.’” So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: “Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him.” And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him.

THE SERMON

Reverend Dave Omerod

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**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.**

\*HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain:  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!*

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

*Repeat Refrain.*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus-  
no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me-  
no turning back, no turning back.*

\*POSTLUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus” (arr. Jonathan W. Lee)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*Please stand if you are able