

Announcements

Jan 10 th (Sun)	Deacon Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Jan 11 th (Mon)	Personnel Meeting	2:30 p.m.
Jan 12 th (Tue)	Leadership Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Jan 18 th (Mon)	Church office closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	

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M & M Christmas Poem

As you hold these candies in your hand and turn then you will see, The M becomes a W, and an E and then a 3.

The E is for the East where the star shone so bright. The M is for the Manger where the Baby Jesus slept that night. The 3 is for the Wisemen bearing gifts, when they came. The W is for Worship, Hallelujah! Praise His name!



This told the Christmas story. It's one I'm sure you know. It took place in a stable a long, long time ago. As you eat these candies or share with your friends, Remember the meaning of Christmas, It's a Love Story that never ends!

Merry Christmas!

SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

601 Madison Avenue, Kinston, NC 28501

December 27, 2020

**We will be broadcasting via Facebook Live
from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.**



Diaspora XLI

The Church Scattered Forty-first Sunday

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The Private Worship of God – December 27, 2020

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude Clay Whittington
In the Bleak Midwinter with O Sanctissima arr. by Liz Story

Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsDr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship Hymn 101
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child a Spring Carol

1. Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled,
To the world a stranger:
Such a Babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favor.
2. Angels sang about His birth;
Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth,
Glory all around Him:
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.
3. Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
But no more a stranger:
Son of God, of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth,
Hail the King of glory!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation Dr. Dew

Hymn of Christ's Birth.....Hymn 103
Away in a Manger by William Henry Monk

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Scripture ReadingLuke 2:1-14

Prayer of Intercession Dr. Dew

(Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)

Theme Telling the Christmas story to others

Object A large teddy bear or another stuffed animal



Scripture ⁸ *That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,*

¹⁴ “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” ¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished, ¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. ²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. Luke 2:8-20

Even today, we are still supposed to tell others about Jesus. Did you know some kids don’t even know that Christmas is Jesus birthday and that’s why we celebrate? What a great way to tell others about Jesus. Just ask them why we celebrate Christmas. If they don’t know it Jesus birthday, tell them! You can even tell them the Christmas story so they can know about Jesus too! 2-5: Have the kids pair up. Have one child pretend they don’t know the Christmas story and that it is Jesus’ birthday. Have the other child tell them about Jesus and the Christmas story. Then have them trade roles and do it again. K-1: Have a large teddy bear or other stuffed animal. Tell the kids that the teddy bear didn’t know that Christmas was Jesus’ birthday and doesn’t know the Christmas story. Have the kids tell the teddy bear the Christmas story and that Christmas is Jesus’ birthday. K-5: Tell the kids that they can tell the Christmas story and that Christmas is Jesus’ birthday to anyone. Have them think of people they could tell. K-5: Pray that the kids will have opportunities to tell others about Jesus, the Christmas story, and that Christmas is Jesus’ birthday. Pray the God’s Holy Spirit will give them the courage and boldness to tell others about Him. K-5: Have the children write down the names of the children they would like to tell about Jesus. Have them put it in a place they will see throughout the week. Encourage the kids to pray for those on their list whenever they look at it over the next week.

Children’s Sermon is from www.sermons4kids.com

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING

Hymn of Christ’s Birth..... Hymn 102
The Birthday of a King by William Harold Neidlinger

1. In the little village of Bethlehem,
 There lay a Child one day,
 And the sky was bright with a holy light
 O’er the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain:

Alleluia! O how the angels sang.
 Alleluia! How it rang!
 And the sky was bright with a holy light,
 ‘Twas the birthday of a King.

2. ‘Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much
 God gave to us that day,
 From the manger bed what a path has led,
 What a perfect, holy way.

Refrain

Offering Envelopes



Enclosed is a general offering envelope for your convenience if you wish to mail in your offering.

Special Music Clay Whittington
O Holy Night by Adolphe C. Adam

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



**It Wasn’t Santa Claus
 Who Came to Town**

By Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Luke 2:1-14
 (See Enclosed Sermon)

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn of Christ's Birth.....Hymn 95

Go Tell It on the Mountain a Spiritual

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold thro'-out the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Refrain

- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

- 3. Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

BenedictionDr. Dew

Postlude Clay Whittington

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My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting the snow.
The sight is so spectacular- please wipe away the tear
For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sound of music can't compare with the
Christmas choir up here
I have no words to tell you the joys their voices bring
For it's beyond description to hear the angels sing

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones you know I hold you dear
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.
After all love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessing of love he has for each of you.
So have a merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.
Remember I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

*This poem was written by a 13 year old boy named Ben.
He died of a brain tumor that he had battled for over four years.
He lost the fight on December 14, 1997 and gave this poem to his
mum before he died.*