

Announcements

Sun. Dec 31 st	Sunday School Worship Service "The Ultimate Baby Dedication"	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Luke 2:21-40
Mon. Jan. 1 st	Happy New Year's – Church Office Closed	
Wed. Jan. 3 rd	Men's Breakfast Monthly Prayer Gathering Spring Arbor Sunday School Wednesday Bible Study	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 7 th	Deacons's Meeting Sunday School Worship Service	8:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mon. Jan. 8 th	Long Range Planning	11:00 a.m.
Tue. Jan 9 th	Leadership Meeting	4:00 p.m.

The True Christmas Poem

C is for the Christ child lying in a manger.
H is for the Holy One who saved us all from danger.
R is to Remember Him who died that we may live.
I is to Inspire us that we may always give.
S is for joyful Songs and sacred hymns that praise.
T is to Thank the Lord for showing us the way.
M is for the Miracles that bless us each day.
A is for the Almighty who always puts us first.
S is for the Shepherd who guides us on earth.



SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

December 31, 2023



The Presentation of the Lord

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The Worship of God
December 31, 2023

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude Melony Rasbury-Cobb

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

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER

Responsive Reading #679 *Christ's Birth*

Call to Worship Hymn 88
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing by Isaac Watts

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Hymn of Christ's Birth Hymn 93
It Came upon the Midnight Clear by Edmund H. Sears

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer of Intercession Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.
(Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)

Hymn of Christ's Birth Hymn 96
Good Christian Men, Rejoice a Medieval Latin Carol

Scripture Reading Luke 2:21-40

Instrumental Selection Melony Rasbury-Cobb

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



The Ultimate Baby Dedication

Luke 2:21-40

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

Hymn of Christ's Birth Hymn 95
Go, Tell It on the Mountain by John W. Work

Benediction Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Postlude Melony Rasbury-Cobb



WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

An offering plate is placed in the vestibule for your tithes and offerings.

Reflecting On and Anticipating Our Blessings

"Count your blessings – name them one by one!" That old hymn is a wonderful reminder to give God our praise for the ways He blessed us in the previous year. So often we come to God with our requests, but spend little time thanking Him for the prayers He has answered, and the blessings He poured out over us without our even asking – such as *every* spiritual blessing!

As we give thanks for God's blessings in the past year, our faith is increased for new blessings in the coming year. Remembering God's provision helps us confront seemingly insurmountable problems. Instead of despairing, we have the confident expectation that the same God that carried us through hard times in the past can do exceedingly above anything we could ask or think.

*"Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works
Which You have done; And Your thoughts towards us
Cannot be recounted to You in order;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.
(Psalm 40:5 NKJV)*