

The Word Was with God, and the Word Was God

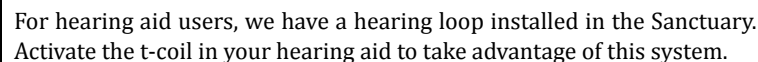
Call to Worship	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Hymn 94)	
The Fourth Sunday of Advent		
Advent Reading		
Lighting the Incarnational Christ Candle	The Burnsworth Family	
Scripture: John 1.1-5, 14		
Christmas Carols	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Hymn 89)	
	“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (Hymn 96)	
Morning Prayer		
Prayer Response	“O, Come All Ye Faithful” (Hymn 89, <i>Chorus Only</i>)	

The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

Message in Music	“Children, Go Tell it on the Mountain”		
Song of Preparation	“Emmanuel” (Hymn 82)		
Message from the Word of God	<i>(see insert, Pew Bible p. 874)</i>		
Response to God			
Commitment of Life and Tithes and Offerings*			
Meditation	Alicia Klingler, Soloist	“Breath of Heaven”	
Benediction Chorus	“O, Come All Ye Faithful” (Hymn 89, <i>Chorus Only</i>)		

* *Offering and Communication Card Return:*

Please place your offering and/or Communication Card in an offering box located at the exits. You may also give and respond online through acbc.churchtrac.com. (Or use the QR code on back of Communication Card.)



Guests, we are glad you are here! We also invite you to complete the Communication Card to the right and place it in the offering box located at each exit as you leave the Sanctuary. **Members and regular attenders**, you are also encouraged to use the Communication Card for information updates, prayer requests, and other responses you may have.

“Pray for one another...”
(James 5.16)

Do you desire prayer for yourself or others? Someone will be happy to pray for you or with you following worship. Come to the front of the Sanctuary (near the organ) immediately after the service with your prayer requests. If you would prefer to have special prayer at another time or have a request placed on our Prayer List, please let us know through the Communication Card or by calling the church office.



Christmas is such a warm and wonderful time of the year. Our thoughts go to family and friends and gifts and more. But Christmas was God's idea. He was trying to tell us some important things. In this series, we explore just a part of ***What Christmas Tells Us About God...***

Date	Candle	Message/Feature
12/3	<i>The Advocate Christ</i>	<i>"God Is FOR Us"</i>
12/10	<i>The Indwelling Christ</i>	<i>Choir Christmas Cantata</i>
12/17	<i>The Immanuel Christ</i>	<i>"God Is WITH Us"</i>
12/24 (10:45 a.m.)	The Incarnational Christ	"God Is ONE OF Us"
12/24 (6 p.m.)	The Christ Child Candle	"God Is IN Us"/Candlelight

Missed messages can be accessed through our website.

Giving to the Christmas Offering, named for Lottie Moon, an early missionary to China, enables our international missionaries to take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, as 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching people of every nation for Christ. Offerings will be received throughout the month of December. **Our goal for this offering is \$6,000.** We have received \$3,589 towards this goal so far. Please make a generous contribution by marking envelopes "Lottie Moon."

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Use QR Code
to respond or
to give online



COMMUNICATION CARD
Sunday, December 24, 2023

Name(s) _____

Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____

- My Response Today...**
- ☐ I want to place my faith in Jesus Christ and receive his gift of life, abundant and eternal.
 - ☐ I would like to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus
 - ☐ I would like to be baptized.
 - ☐ I would like to learn more about church membership.
 - ☐ I would like information on Life Groups/Sunday School classes.
 - ☐ Please add me to ACBC's email list.
 - ☐ I would like to speak to a minister at a mutually convenient time.
 - ☐ Other *(please write on other side)*

Guests...
We are glad you are here! Please complete this card and place it in the offering basket this morning.
This is my ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd or more time at Ancient City Baptist Church.
I was invited by _____

Please indicate the number of people in your family in each age category:
65+ _____ 55-64 _____ 45-54 _____ 30-44 _____
18-29 _____ Youth (Grade 7-12) _____
Children (Grade 1-6) _____ Preschool _____

Sunday, December 24 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 6 p.m. Candlelight Worship	Wednesday, December 27 No Services
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OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Mid-week Services This Week: There will be no Prayer Meeting, TeamKID or Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday.

New Sunday Morning Time Schedule: Our new Sunday Morning Schedule began this month. **Life Groups now meet at 9:30 a.m.** and the **Morning Worship now begins at 10:45 a.m.**

Bible Reading Schedules for 2024: Want to read the Bible systematically in 2024? **Bible Reading schedules are available in the Welcome Center** for reading either the entire Bible or just the New Testament in 2024. You can read the entire Bible by reading an average of 3-4 chapters a day. Our schedule keeps you in both the Old and New Testaments throughout the year. To read the New Testament in a year, it is only one chapter a day, five days a week! *Why not commit yourself to this?*

Christmas Eve Worship Tonight: With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, we will have an additional worship opportunity. We will gather again at 6 p.m. tonight for our annual Candlelight and Communion worship, a unique worship experience.

Pastor Retirement Reception: There will be a reception for retiring Senior Pastor Fred O. Pitts and his family next Sunday, December 31, immediately following Morning Worship Service.

Year End Giving Reminder: Any gift you wish to be considered as given in 2023 for tax purposes must be in the office or postmarked within the next week, by December 31. (Offering given during December 31 worship will be credited in 2023.)

Church Office Holiday Closures: The church office will be open during regular hours this Wednesday, December 27. It will be closed in observance of holidays the rest of the week and Monday, January 1. If you have special needs, call the church office and leave a message for the minister on call.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study on Wednesdays: Beginning January 3, our Prayer Meeting and Bible Study will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

TeamKID: This fun ministry for children is taking a break for the holidays and will resume on January 10 at 6:30 pm.

Life Groups (Sunday School): These small groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and are an opportunity for members to study Scripture, get to know each other and minister to one another. Use the Communication Card to request more information.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Bob Booth (904-535-5945) & Clint Porter (904-315-0084) WELCOME CENTER HOSTS: Rick Weedman; Larry & Laurel DuBose

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Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fred O. Pitts, Pastor
Wayne Husk, Associate Pastor
Curtis Powell, Music Director