

Worship Preview

10:00 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
(9:00 AM service resumes January 8)

December 25

“The Light that Shines in the Darkness” John 1:1-14

January 1

“To Fulfill...”

Matthew 2:13-23

Membership Inquiry Class

Sunday, January 22 at 11:30 AM in the Parlor.

Come and find out how to become an active or affiliate member.

Lunch is provided.

Please contact Deb Grossklag
(dgrossklag@mooringschurch.org or 213-5233)
to express interest in attending.

Hyacinth Series Presents...



Sunday, January 15 at 4:00 PM
Geoff Gallante;
16-year-old jazz trumpeter



Sunday, January 29 at 4:00 PM
St. Olaf College Band

*Hyacinth Concerts are open to the public at no charge.
Offerings are accepted.*

Distinguished Speaker Series presents...

Andy Crouch is the Executive Editor of *Christianity Today* and author of several books including *Culture Making*, *Playing God*, and *Strong and Weak*.

Saturday, January 28

Dinner & Talk | 5:30 PM

Andy Crouch will speak on living as Christians in today's world. Registration available after Christmas, online or at the Reception Desk.



Sunday, January 29

Andy Crouch Preaching at 10:00 AM

(10:00 AM is the only service this Sunday)

2017 weekly giving envelopes are available for pickup in Moss Hall. If you have made a financial commitment and would like to receive a box of giving envelopes, please contact Deb Grossklag at dgrossklag@mooringschurch.org or (239) 213-5233 and she will be happy to get you a box. Please do not use 2016 envelopes after Sunday December 26, 2016.

Financial Giving and Holiday Office Closings

2016 Budget Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission, and for your contributions to balance our budget for 2016-2017. Please be sure to check your pledge balance and note the deadline date below.

2016 Giving must be received in our offices by noon on December 30 or postmarked by December 31, 2016 to be included in your 2016 contributions. If you have donated or are going to donate stock toward your pledge, please call Deb Grossklag (213-5233) or email her (debgrossklag@mooringschurch.org) to notify her of your transactions so your statement will reflect this donation.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 & 27. We will close at noon on Friday, December 30, and be closed on Monday, January 2.

**We are glad you are here tonight
and invite your continued participation in all of our church life.**

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

(resumes January 8)

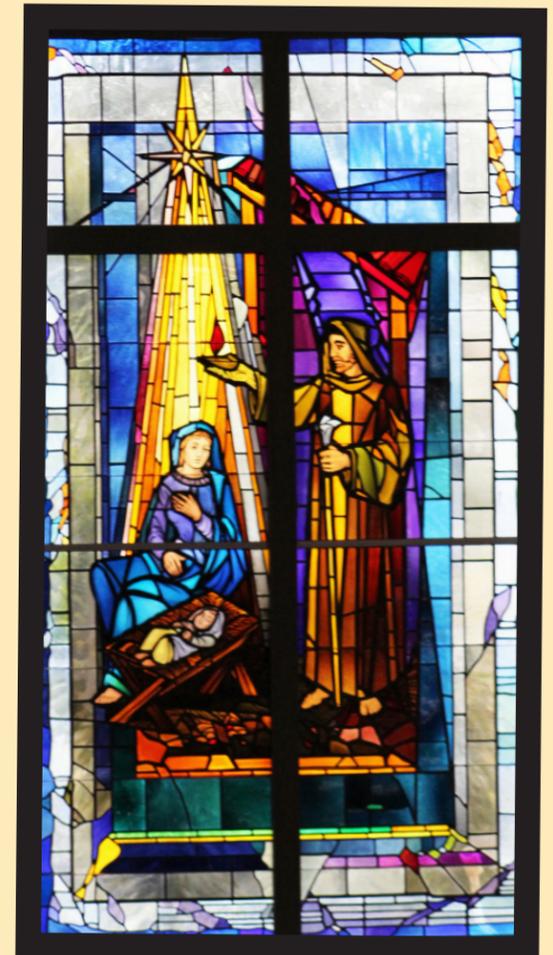
- 9:00 AM Casual Worship (Webster Chapel)
- 10:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday School
- 8:45 AM Nursery Open - Rooms 103-104

Sunday School Schedule

Following the Word for Children, children accompany their teachers to Sunday School.
Parents meet their children in Moss Hall North after service.

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The Moorings Presbyterian Church



Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24, 2016
5:00 PM

Please silence electronic devices.

Candle-like glow sticks are available for children's use.
Parents are asked to hold these until the Lighting of the Candles.

Large print bulletins are available from any usher.

PRELUDE *Fantasy on "Adeste Fidelis"* Geoffrey Shaw

WELCOME Doug Learned

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Eryn Graefe

One: A choir of angels filled the night sky with hymns of praise for God's gift to the world.

All: We would join that song with thankful hearts. We would offer our best gifts to God's gracious Son. Amen.

***HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES (133)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the king of angels!*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created!
(Refrain)*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Refrain)*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)*

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (in unison) Jaci Smith Patman

Glory to you, God Most High! You have given us a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. This is good news of great joy for all. Make us messengers of the gospel and shepherds of your people. Guide us always in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ANTHEMS *Nobody Knew This Little Child* Edwin T. Childs
And We Sing Gloria! Jay Althouse

A WORD FOR CHILDREN AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE Alicia Rowland

MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR ALL

Away in a Manger MUELLER (115)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN (119)

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"*

O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS (121)

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

Go, Tell It On the Mountain AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL (136)

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY *I Wonder as I Wander* Appalachian song, arr. J. J. Niles

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

HOMILY **A Christmas Message** Doug Learned

SOLO *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(From the Christ Candle, the light will be passed from ushers to worshipers along the aisles, and then from worshiper to worshiper in each row. Please tip the unlit candle toward the upright lit candle when passing the flame.)

CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT (122)

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

BENEDICTION *(Please extinguish your candle following the Benediction)*

***ORGAN POSTLUDE** *In dulci jubilo* (In Quiet Joy) Marcel Dupré

*Please stand as you are able.

The church provides a professionally staffed nursery for infants and young children. It is located in rooms 103-104 of the Christian Education wing, just behind the Strozier Library, on the southwest side of the campus, accessible via the Courtyard to the west walkway.

Participants

Pastors: Doug Learned, Jaci Smith Patman
Liturgist: Eryn Graefe
Acolytes: Molly and Hannah Foley
Ushers: Susan Jennings Wood, Simon Wood, Keira Wood, Kaelen Wood, Tim and Mitchell Reidy, Peter and Sybil McGennis, Jerry and Susan Watkins
Greeters: de St Pierre family, McLean Family, Heather and Lauren Howard, Melissa Sloan
Youth: Clara Learned, Peter Learned, Victoria Johnston, Emily Rowland, David Tierney, Sailor Robinson, Jett Robinson
Participants: Cherub and Choralier Choirs, Paulette Goetz, director;
Music: Lesly Hale, soloist; Thomas Goetz, organist