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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

MATTHEW 2:1-2

Love



Symbols of the Christ

Since the first Sunday of Advent, we have introduced various symbols of Christ – especially those most appropriate to the Nativity. The colors used are also symbolic: WHITE – stands for purity, joy, and the bright light of truth; GREEN – represents hope and eternal life; GOLD – the is color of royalty; and RED – shows love and looks toward the day when Jesus would shed His blood for us. The Christmas lights on the tree can also be symbolic. Of course, Jesus said that he was “the Light of the world,” but He also said that we were to be “lights to the world.” It might be well if we thought of each of the of many small Christmas tree lights as symbols of individual Christian lives – shining out in the world of darkness with His light. Sometimes it seems as if there are more unlit or burned out lights than brightly shining ones!

Today’s symbol is the **red rose**. The *rose* has been used only since the 13th century as a Christian symbol. It is the symbol of the Messianic promise, “And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the *rose*” (Isaiah 35:1), typifying the joyful flourishing of Christ's kingdom. Also in Song of Songs 2:1 we find, “I am the *rose* of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.” Of course, Solomon was referring to himself, but Christians have never been adverse to applying anything to Jesus that could be useful and give insight – and Jesus, of course, did the same thing. This is meaningful as its beauty reminds us of the beauty of the coming of the Messiah and the red color stands for the love of God that sent our Savior.



Sometimes the *rose* is shown with a single dew drop – a “tear drop” from God as He looks on a sinful world. Even the thorns and color tell us that, after the joy, light, and expectation of Christmas, comes the crown of thorns, blood, and death on Good Friday. Ah, but thankfully, and as Paul Harvey would say, we know “the rest of the story!”



Welcome to
the Morning Worship of the
College Heights Baptist Church
on the twentieth of December, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE

Service begins at 10:30 AM

*This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

1 John 4:10

Prelude & Announcements

Music “Sing to the King”

Welcome & Announcements

Robert Murphy

Scripture & Prayer *Matthew 1:18-25*

Music “King of Kings”

“Jesus Messiah”

Message “His Name Shall Be Called
Everlasting Father”

(Isaiah 9:6)

Lentz Upshaw

Response “O Holy Night”

Benediction *Romans 8:38, 39*

Lentz Upshaw

Postlude

Love that reaches up is adoration.
Love that reaches across is affection.
Love that reaches down is grace.

DONALD GREY BARNHOUSE (1895-1960)

The flowers today are in recognition of John & Judy Ball’s 45th wedding anniversary.

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