



Abney Street Church of God

.....*A Christ Centered Church*.....

Rev. Stephen E. Hewitt, Interim Pastor

December 10, 2017

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!" (Isaiah 40:3, NRSV). May we also prepare our hearts for the Messiah's coming.



CALL TO WORSHIP: *"Angels, From The Realms of Glory"*

PASTORAL WELCOME AND INVOCATION

HYMN #145: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

OUR WORSHIP IN GIVING

ADVENT READING – *Sue and Michelle Trail*

HYMN #178: *"Emmanuel"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #149: *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: *"Responding To The Call"*
Luke 1:38; Matthew 1:24

HYMN OF INVITATION #146: *"What Child Is This?"*

BENEDICTION

Today God Is First

THE GREAT DEBATE

In Lessons of Christmas, (Xulon press), Daniel Armah notes that ancient scholars expressed more than 130 opinions about Jesus' actual birthdate, covering every month of the year. "Even with a debatable date," he concludes, "the blessing of Christmas is obvious."

Likewise, our Christmas celebrations aren't diminished by the possible timing of Jesus' birthday with secular festivals. "If December 25th was chosen to rival other pagan worship activities...for want of a real date," Armah writes, "then that decision has been successful. Indeed those ancient pagan festivals have all been swallowed up, and Christianity has been growing since."



Good Morning! Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship! Please greet one another in the name of the coming Prince of Peace.

Dec 10-16, 2017

This week at our church

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m.

Deacon's Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m.

Ladies Prayer Meeting

12:05 p.m.

Community Advent Service at Gateway Christian Church

5:30 p.m.

Elder's Budget Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study, Youth Fellowship, Children's Music and Bible Clubs



UPCOMING
EVENTS



DECEMBER 17 - Christ's Birthday
Offering taken

DECEMBER 20 -Advent service at St. Paul MBC

No Wednesday evening services

DECEMBER 24 -Candlelight service

DECEMBER 25 - Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER 27 - Ring in the New Year Dinner (no regular classes)