

SOUTH NORFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH  
Frank Hughes, Jr., Pastor

December 20, 1953      Evening Worship - 7:30 P.M.

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."      Isaiah 9:2

SERVICE OF LIGHTS

Organ Prelude: "Joy to the World"      Handel

Processional: Carol No. 59 "O Come All Ye Faithful"  
(Congregation and Choirs)      Wade

Invocation

*Announcements - Pres. of Visitors - Seasons -*

Trio: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"      Matthews  
Anna Mae Smith  
Frances Hobbs  
Mary Dunham

Carol: No. 64 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"  
(Congregation and Choirs)      Mendelssohn

Anthem: "Glory to God" (Senior Choir)      Rogers

Solo: "The Virgin's Slumber Song"      Reger  
(Patsy Hobbs)

THE PROMISE OF LIGHT

Responsive Reading No. 539

Carol: No. 60 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
(Congregation and Choirs)      Willis

Anthem: "Psalm of Praise"      Ivanov  
(Junior Choir)

Carol: "Angels We Have Heard On High"  
(Choirs)      Old French Melody

Organ Offertory: "Moonlight Over Nazareth"      Diggle

✓ Dedication of Tithes and Offerings  
DOXOLOGY

Bourgeois

THE PREPARATION FOR THE LIGHT

✓ Responsive Reading No. 566

Solo: "Birthday of a King"      Neidlinger  
(William Lassiter)

Carol: No. 61 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"      Rodner  
(Congregation and Choirs)

Anthem: "Arise, Shine"      Maker  
(Senior Choir)

THE GIFT OF LIGHT

✓ Sermon: "Christmas Message of Light"      Pastor

Invitation Hymn No. 185 "The Light of the World  
Is Jesus" (Congregation Seated)

*Announce Jesus*

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

✓ Carol: No. 66 "Silent Night, Holy Night"      Gruber  
(1st and 4th stanzas - Congregation Seated)

✓ Benediction: "Hallelujah" (Senior Choir)      Handel  
(Please stand, keep your taper burning during the  
singing of the "Hallelujah")

Organ Postlude: "Neol in G"      Diggle

THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

The Altar Candle is symbolic of the light of Christ. It is a small thing to represent our wonderful Lord. His Love, Mercy and Salvation for a lost world cannot be justly compared in such a way. Neither will a little lighted taper be even a tiny reflection of what your life has meant with Christ. Still, this Service of Lights is a perfect picture of our church working together! \*\*\* If we trust God for His daily guidance, we can sing with the Psalmist - "For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness," and we as a church will experience - "The Light of Life".