

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 dwell 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~~ - ~~Rec. of Visitors~~ - ~~Prayers~~ -

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)

~~Announcements~~

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".