

## NEWS + EVENTS

December 13, 2020

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**Christmas Service Dec. 13 at 10:30am:** The choir and orchestra will lead us in a special time of worship focused on the coming of our King. (Notes: No ABF or Sunday School at 9am through December.)

**Lottie Moon 2020** ~ Charlotte Digges “Lottie” Moon (1840-1912) is the namesake of Southern Baptists’ international missions offering. She labored tirelessly so her people group could know Jesus. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples for the glory of God. If you would like to contribute to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, make your check out to Heritage with “Mission Fund—Lottie Moon” on the memo line. Visit [imb.org/who-was-lottie-moon](https://imb.org/who-was-lottie-moon) for more information on Lottie.

**Important Notice:** In order to claim a charitable contribution for 2020, donations must be made online or postmarked by Thursday, Dec 31. Checks may also be delivered to Heritage on or before Wednesday, Dec 30 (the church office is closed on Dec 31). Checks received after Dec 31 will not qualify for a charitable contribution, even if the check is predated or was actually written in 2020. A record of your contributions to Heritage will be mailed to you in January.

**The Lord’s Supper** will be observed December 20 during the worship service. We do this in remembrance of the Lord, and thus proclaim His death until he comes.

**The Bridge** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students) will meet on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for their Christmas party.

**Childcare for December:** Throughout the month of December, we will be providing childcare for birth-Pre-K during the service, by registration only. Please e-mail [kids@heritageokc.org](mailto:kids@heritageokc.org) to register.

**Faith@Home for the Holidays-** We have prepared an excellent packet of creative tools and information, including an Advent outline, so you can lead your family to magnify Christ as you celebrate the holidays. Be sure to pick up *Faith-Filled Holidays* at the *Faith@Home* kiosk.

**Wednesday Update:** For an updated schedule for Wednesday night Bible study groups, please be on the lookout for more information from your group leader.



As a family of forgiven people we are honored that you have joined with us today as we seek to develop people who delight in God and declare His glory—from our neighborhoods to the nations. Our prayer is that you will connect with God through Christ this morning and that this would be the beginning of a deep connection with other believers as well. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card located under the pew in front of you and place it in an offering pedestal in the back of the Worship Center.

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**Song of Worship**

*Hark! The  
Herald Angels Sing*

**Call to Worship**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Songs of Worship**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*Sing We the Song of  
Emmanuel*

*What Child is This?*

**Scripture Reading**

*John 17:1-5*

**Song of Worship**

*O Holy Night*

**Message**

**Song of Response**

*Sing We the Song of  
Emmanuel*

## Ruth I – A Dark Providence and a Woman of Excellence

“Do I learn through dark providences, or simply seem relieved when they are over?”  
*Sinclair Ferguson*

“Let me encourage you to take those ‘if onlys’ and draw a circle around them. Then label the circle, ‘The providence of God.’ The Christian believes that God is greater than our ‘if onlys.’ His providential hand encompasses the whole of our lives, not just the good days, but the ‘bad’ days, too. We have the word ‘accident’ in our vocabulary; He does not.”  
*Erwin Lutzer*

“Our death is just as meticulously planned as the death of Christ. There is no combination of evil men, disease, or accident that can kill us as long as God still has work for us to do. To those who walk with faith in God’s providence, they die according to God’s timetable... The immediate cause of death might be any number of things, but ultimate cause is God. Yes, wicked men nailed Christ to the cross, yet we read, ‘But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief’ (Isaiah 53:10).”  
*Erwin Lutzer*

“No one can sum up all God is able to accomplish through one solitary life, wholly yielded, adjusted, and obedient to Him.”  
*D. L. Moody*

**Big Truth of this Series:** *God uses even the darkest circumstances and most unlikely people in accomplishing His wonderful plan of redemption.*

**Big Truth of Today’s Message:** *In the midst of devastating loss, we see a godly young woman’s radical commitment to follow and serve God.*

**Vs. 1-5** – A hard season and a dark providence.

**Vs. 6-18** – A young woman’s conversion: Turning to God from idols to serve the living and true God.

**Vs. 19-22** – The return to Bethlehem.