

The Lessons of Scripture

The lessons of Scripture for this evening's service are taken from the King James Version of the Bible as published in 1611. This venerable English translation of the Bible was the work of dozens of biblical scholars and theologians and is still recognized around the world as a classic without an equal. Though decidedly antique sounding, many of its phrases are

well known to us from childhood. This unmistakable familiarity is especially true with the lessons assigned to the celebration of Christmas. However when all is said and done it is to Linus and Charlie Brown that we turn to as authorities. When Charlie Brown asks the question, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?", it is Linus that answers with confidence, "Sure Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about.", and quotes from the King James Bible, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in

swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' That's what Christmas is all about.



For Levy's Members

We fully participate in the celebration of the supper when we receive holy communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat and drink in remembrance of Him. In order to be disposed properly to receive the Lord's Supper, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, and must seek to live in charity and love with their neighbors. Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the church through penance. A frequent call to penance is encouraged for all.

For Other Christians

We welcome to this celebration of communion those Christians who are not members of Levy Baptist Church. We believe the supper is an action of a celebrating community of faith that signifies oneness in faith, life, and worship. Therefore all who are members of churches of like faith and order are welcome at this table. Reception of communion by those who are not of like faith and order would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

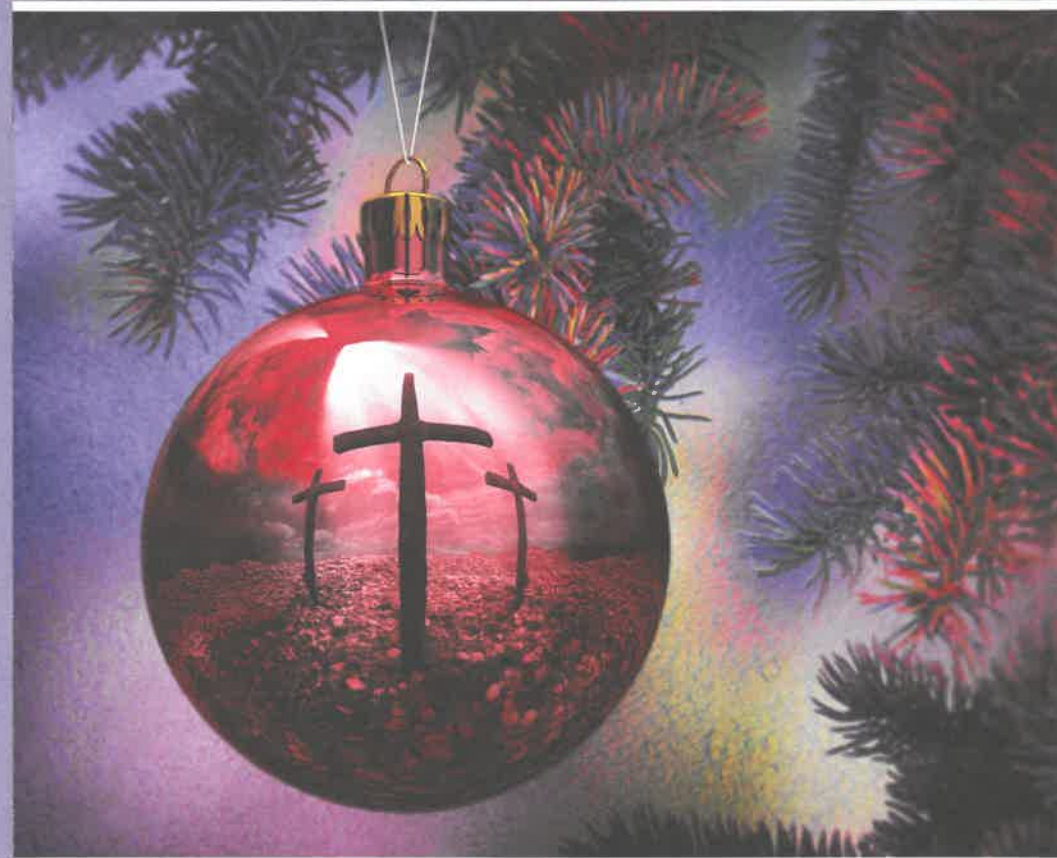
For Those Not Receiving Communion

Those not receiving communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While we cannot extend to them an invitation to receive communion, we do invite them to be united with us in prayer.

CHRISTMAS Communion



Levy Baptist Church

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