



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion*

*First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 24, 2020*

Christmas Eve Communion Service

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5:00 p.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

Prelude

Cradle Song/Away in a Manger

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

* Carol, No. 89

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Please see page 5.)

ADESTE FIDELES

The Advent Wreath

Lighting the Christ Candle

Leader: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in one candle tonight.

People: **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.** (Isaiah 9:2)

Leader: In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contribution to this world.

People: **Tonight, we light the last candle in the Advent Wreath—the Christ candle. In Christ we find light and life, and the challenge to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.**

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

All: **We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God. Come to us, Lord Jesus. Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth, of God with us, God for us, and God in us. Amen**

Song Response

Candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Christ
(Please see page 8.)

GARTAN

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 9:6-7

Dr. Brown

Solo

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Rev. Eddie Fort
Robert Mac Gimsey

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Songs

Jesus' Birth

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

(Stanzas 1 and 2)

(Please see page 6.)

The Angels

Scripture

Luke 2:8-15

Carol No. 100

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

(Stanzas 1 and 2)

(Please see page 7.)

The Shepherds

Scripture

Luke 2:16-20

Solo

Ave Maria

Dr. Brown
Franz Schubert

Prayer

Dr. Brown

Meditation

Victory Over Darkness
Isaiah 9:2

Dr. Brown

Solo

O Holy Night

Bridger Warlick
Adolphe Adam

Communion

The Light of Christ

Carol No. 91

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

(Please see page 4.)

* Departing Carol

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

(Please continue on next page.)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His love.

Depart with joy to serve and share the Good News!

* Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mrs. Slomanski
 arr. Harold DeCou

91 Silent Night, Holy Night

She gave birth to ... a son — Luke 2:7 NIV

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Dark - ness flies, all is light; Shep - herds
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Won - drous star, lend thy light; With the

vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
 hear the an - gels sing, "Al - le - lu - ia! hail the King!
 beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. st. 1,3, John Freeman Young, 1820-1885;
 tr. st. 2,4, Anonymous
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

STILLE NACHT
 Irregular

89

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sing unto the Lord ... give thanks — Psalm 30:4 KJV

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O sing, all ye
 3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of
 bright hosts of heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the
 Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -

an - gels!
 high - est! O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him
 pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

WORDS: Latin hymn; ascribed to John Francis Wade, c. 1710-1786;
 tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880 and others
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1710-1786

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular

O Little Town of Bethlehem

86

Out of you will come ... one who will be ruler over Israel — Micah 5:2 NIV

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by,
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day!

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

ST. LOUIS
Irregular

Angels We Have Heard on High 100

A great company ... appeared with the angel ... saying, "Glory to God" — Luke 2:13-14 NIV

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains:
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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WORDS: Traditional French Carol; tr. source unknown, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional French Carol; arr. Warren M. Angell, 1907-

GLORIA
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Candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and Christ



1. The can - dle of hope we light in this hour Pro - claims that the
 2. The can - dle of peace shines bright with God's plan; The wolf will lie
 3. The can - dle of joy re - minds us to sing, For God is at
 4. The can - dle of love tells what we are worth: God loves us so
 5. The Christ can - dle's light that shines for us here Tells out the good



Lord is com - ing in power. We wait for a fu - ture, now
 down and dwell - with the lamb. Our guns and our weap - ons, our
 work to do - a new thing. The proud will be hum - bled; the
 much, God came - to the earth! An an - gel brought news of a
 news that God - has come near! God came, a poor ba - by, in



hid - den from view, When Christ in his glo - ry will make - all things new.
 ha - tred and war, Will give way to gar - dens that heal - and re - store.
 low - ly will rise. God's king - dom is one of de - light - and sur - prise.
 child who would be The one who would save us and set - us all free.
 one time and place, To show all cre - a - tion the wealth - of God's grace.



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