

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina
December 24, 2023

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5:00 p.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Chris Hillman

Prelude

Silent Night

Mrs. Pat Slomanski
arr. Diane Bish

* **Carol, No. 87**

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Congregation

The Advent Wreath

Lighting the Christ Candle

Leader: Once again four candles of the Advent Wreath have been lit. We thank God for the hope He gives us, for the peace He bestows, for the joy He pours into our hearts, and for the love that redeems us and shows us the way. On this Christmas Eve, we now light the Christ candle.

People: We thank God for his gift of Jesus. We thank him that through Christ His light has come into the world and made it possible for us to see, and in seeing, to rejoice. His truth, His love, His very self, transform all who receive Him.

Leader: Let us pray: Loving God, Emmanuel, we thank you for being with us—for sending your Son to walk with us and to lead us. Grant that the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love of which we have heard and spoken throughout Advent may be fully realized in us as we worship and serve you through Christ Jesus our Lord, both now and forevermore. Amen.

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Songs

Jesus' Birth

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Carol No. 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

ST. LOUIS

The Shepherds and Angels

Scripture

Luke 2:8-15

Carol No. 100

Angels We Have Heard on High
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

GLORIA

Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child

Scripture
Carol No. 101

Luke 2:16-20
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Prayer

Dr. Hillman

Solo

O, Holy Night

Ms. Lisa Voss

Communion

The Light of Christ

Carol No. 95

Go Tell It On the Mountain

*** Departing Carol**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Depart with joy to serve and share the Good News!

*** Postlude**

Joy To The World

Mrs. Slomanski
George Frideric Handel
arr. Diane Bish

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 31

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, January 1

Office Closed for New Year's Day



Ministerial Staff

Dr. Chris Hillman, Pastor

Ministry Assistant Staff

Mrs. Teresa Malpass, Ministry Assistant
Dinah Reaves, Financial Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Patricia Slomanski, Organist

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