

# Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship

December 24, 2019



\*\* (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

"In the Bleak Midwinter"	John Sherer & Wayne Cook
"Coventry Carol"	Handbell Choir
"In the Bleak Midwinter"	Handbell Choir
"Mary Did You Know?"	Stephanie Leuppe & Emily Leuppe
"What Child Is This"	Jim McPeck
"Breath of Heaven"	Marietta Guliano
Fantasia on "Deck the Halls"	Pastor John, organ

Welcome

Introit "On This Day" Chancel Choir

The Presentation of the Baby Jesus Evelyn Mahan

\*\* Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" UMH #234 vs. 1, 3, 6

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Mike, Lynn & Carolyn Engle

**Response: Crown him King of Kings; Crown him Lord of Lords. Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God; Emmanuel, God is with us, and He shall reign, He shall reign, He shall reign forever more.**

Ministry Music "An English Christmas" Handbell Choir

\*\* Scripture Lesson Luke 2:1-20

Ministry of Music "The Jesus Gift" Chancel Choir

Meditation Pastor Andy

Offertory "O Holy Night" Carol Stewart

## \*\* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

UMH#95

Carol Medley & Candle Lighting

(We will sing verse one of each carol)

Angels We Have Heard on High	UMH #238
Away In A Manger	UMH #217
What Child Is This	UMH #219
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing	UMH #240
The First Noel	UMH #245

Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, Holy Night,

Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent Night, Holy Night

Son of God, Love's pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face

with the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Christmas Blessing Pastor John

\*\* Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH # 246 vs. 1 & 4

**Communion will be served at the front of the Sanctuary at the end of the service; for those who wish to partake, please use the side aisles and allow the center aisle for those who are exiting.**

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*Altar Flowers are given by Fred & Cheryl Whitan in memory of their parents, Elaine Whitan and Edward & Paula Theroux.*

## Gospel Lesson – Luke 2:1-20

### The Birth of Jesus

**2** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



*Please join us on Sunday at 10:30 am for regular worship*

**If you ordered poinsettias; you can pick them up after service tonight or on Thursday, Dec 26 from 9am-3pm or Friday, Dec 27 from 9am-12pm.**



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Ushers	Dick Strous, Rick Smith, Robert Smith Edward Stidham, Jim Osburn
Greeters	John & Elaine Grayson
Organist	Carol Stewart
Choir Director	Jim McPeek
Worship Leader	Rev. John Guliano
Acolytes	A.J. Trent & Micah Fleming
Liturgist	Mike Engle