

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

THE BREAD

ANTHEM *Thou Must Leave Thy Lovely Dwelling* Berlioz

THE CUP

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst

THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS

“and the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not”

CAROL *Silent Night* STILLE NACHT

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| <p>1. <i>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.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Silent night, holy night,
Shepherd's quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born.</i></p> | <p>3. <i>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.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born.
Christ the Savior is born.</i></p> |
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Musicians for Tonight's Service

Beverly Khemlani - organist Sanctuary Choir Kathryn Frye - soloist

Poinsettias:

Memory: Kelly Elizabeth Lowder by Richard & Ferry Lane Lowder and Family
Horace Conner by Jack and Margie Colescott
Grace D. Chambless by John and Rebecca Scarff, and Sebastian, Ellen, Markus and Theodor Osswald
Dr. John H. Chambless by John and Rebecca Scarff, and Sebastian, Ellen, Markus and Theodor Osswald

Special Christmas Offering

We are receiving a special Christmas offering tonight to help offset our 2014 budget deficit. Each church member is challenged to give a special financial gift in addition to your regular contributions. The church office will be open December 29, 30 and 31. You may bring contributions by the church through Wednesday, December 31. As we celebrate God's greatest gift at Christmas, may we be found faithful in our giving to Christ's church.

First Baptist Church
Lexington, NC



*Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service
December 24, 2014*

RAY N. HOWELL III
Senior Minister

TOMMY WILSON
Associate Minister

JEAN ASHLEY
Martha Best Children's Center Director

PAUL FREEMAN
Minister of Music

Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

December 24, 2014

Christmas Eve

5:30 in the Evening

(Kindly Silence all Electronic Devices)

The Gathering

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

PRELUDES

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelel

What Child Is This

R. Vaughan Williams

Noel

Louis Claude Daquin

Silent Night

arr. David Cherwien

CHORAL INTROIT

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The worlds were yet unborn.

People: **The stars did not yet shine.**

Minister: In the beginning.

People: **When God spoke.**

Minister: Light entered in.

People: **Salvation began.**

Minister: And the Word was with God.

All: **O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

PROCESSIONAL CAROL NO. 173

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

CAROL NO. 147

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

The Noel Bells

Our Savior's Born

*Listen, listen, sing along
With the bells a happy song.
Hear them ringing joyfully.
Christ is born. Come and see.
Listen, listen, sing along
With the bells a happy song.*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

John and Myra Thacker

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Advent Candles

CRADLE SONG

*A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright
A Candle of hope in December's dark night.
While Angels sing blessings from heav'ns starry sky.
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of Peace;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of Joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow,
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of Love;
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our earth.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2-7

SOLO

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adams

EVENING PRAYER

CAROL NO. 154

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. David Cherwien

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2: 1 - 14

CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

The Bells of Christmas

Dr. Ray Howell III

CAROL NO. 162 (Stanzas 1 - 4)

The First Noel, the Angel Did Say

THE FIRST NOEL