

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

December 24, 2016

5:30 p.m. in the Evening

## The Gathering

*“Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!”*

Prelude “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” arr. Larry Visser  
“Silent Night” arr. David Cherwein  
“In the Bleak Midwinter” arr. David Cherwein  
“What Is This Lovely Fragrance” arr. Paul Manz

## Call to Worship

Minister: Tonight we celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,

**People: And we behold his glory.**

Minister: A young refugee couple seeks shelter from the night,

**People: As shepherds listen to the songs of angels,**

Minister: A young mother gives birth to her firstborn child,

**People: As sages follow the star in the East.**

Minister: The glory of God is found in a manger!

**People: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ava Leigh, Ethan, Harrison, Cindy and William Fulbright

Carol No. 155 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST. LOUIS

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9: 2-7

Evening Prayer Ray Nance Howell IV

Carol No. 152 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

## Offertory Prayer

The Offertory O JESUS SWEET, O JESUS MILD arr. Michael Fisher

Doxology VENI EMMANUEL

All praise to God the Holy one;  
Praise Christ in whom God’s grace is fully known;  
Praise to the Spirit evermore;  
Praise Holy Trinity whom we adore!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Praise God the Lord above;  
Who sets us free through mercy and love!

## Christmas Eve Reflection

Carol No. 146 “Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come” ANTIOCH

### The Service of Holy Communion

The Bread Anthem “Chill of the Nightfall” Scott

The Cup Anthem “All on a Starry Night” Graham

### The Service of Lights

*“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

### Silent Night

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| Silent night, holy night!           | Silent night, holy Night!       |
| All is calm, all is bright.         | Shepherds quake at the sight.   |
| Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. | Glories stream from heaven afar |
| Holy Infant so tender and mild,     | Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,   |
| Sleep in heavenly peace,            | Christ the Savior is born,      |
| Sleep in heavenly peace.            | Christ the Savior is born.      |

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy Holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

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.

# *First Baptist Church* *Lexington, N.C.*

Benediction                      "Let There Be Peace On Earth"                      Miller

## **Musicians For Tonight's Service**

Beverly Khemlani—Organist                      Sanctuary Choir                      Alan Williams—Guitar

## **Special Christmas Eve Offering**

We are receiving a special offering tonight to help us meet our 2016 budget. Please consider a special financial gift to the church. Please have all 2016 contributions in the church office by noon on December 30.

## **Christmas Day Informal Worship—10:30 a.m.**

## **Christmas Joy**

This Christmas season we sent 146 shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child, adopted 119 Christmas Angels through the Salvation Army, provided 60 food boxes through our Sunday School classes, and supported Christmas parties for the prison inmates and patients of Cancer Services of Davidson County. Thank you for your faithfulness.

## **2017 Birthday Banquet**

The Birthday Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday night, January 25, 2017. Tickets will go on sale January 1, 2017.



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