

# Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

December 24, 2022

5:30 in the Evening

## The Gathering

God grant you the light in Christmas which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is love;  
the radiance of Christmas, which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas, which is truth.

**Preludes** beginning at 5:10 p.m.      “Various Carols”

## Call to Worship

Minister: We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Even in a land of deep darkness—on us light has shined.**

Minister: For a child has been born for us. God’s own son is our gift of grace.

**People: He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.**

Minister: Come to Bethlehem and see,

**People: O Come, All ye Faithful! Joyful and Triumphant!**

**All: Come and behold him born the King of Angels!**

**Processional Carol No. 173**      “O Come, All Ye Faithful”      ADESTE FIDELES

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**      David and Roxanna Wall

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

## The Children’s Time

**Old Testament Lesson**      Isaiah 9: 1-7

## Evening Prayer

**Gospel Lesson**      Luke 2: 1-16

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

## The Service of Communion

**The Bread  
Anthem**

“Away in a Manger”      arr. Mack Wilberg

**The Cup  
Duet**

“O Holy Night”      Adam

## The Service of Lights

*“And the light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not”*

**Lighting the Christ Candle  
The Passing of the Light**

## 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 dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

# ***First Baptist Church Lexington, NC***

## **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

## **Worship Leaders**

Ray N. Howell III and Ray Nance Howell IV, Ministers  
Marty Stanbery, Organist  
Wes Richardson and Will Tate, Vocalists  
Alan Williams, Guitarist  
The Sanctuary Choir



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