

THE MEDITATION

"A Savior Born for All People"
Elder Charlie Jones, Preacher

The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son. Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.
John 1:14, *The Message*

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Please light your candle by tilting it toward the candle next to you. Then hold your candle upright while you share your light with your neighbor. On the final verse of Silent Night, we will all lift our candles high.

*PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

PEOPLE: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."**

LEADER: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*THE SPREADING OF THE LIGHT

"Away in a Manager"
No. 157, vv. 1, 3

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"
No. 147

When the Pastor extinguishes his candle, the congregation will do likewise. Please place the candles in the basket in the rear of the church as you leave this evening. Thank you!

"Joy to the World"
No. 125, vv. 1, 4

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"
*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'ry where;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

If you have provided one or more of the Poinsettias that have graced our sanctuary during Advent, please take your beautiful flowers home today after the 7 pm Christmas Eve service — so they may bring beauty to your home during this season of Christmas as well.

Flowers not taken tonight will be here for the December 29 Worship Service — the First Sunday in Christmas.

Silent night, holy night

*Today in the town
of David a Savior
has been born to you;
he is the Messiah,
the Lord.*

LUKE 2:10 (NIV)



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025, Seven o'clock P.M.

Elder Charlie Jones, Preacher
Tom Long, Worship Leader
Dave Steel, Traditional Service Leader
Chuck Emely, Trumpet

THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

Silent Preparation

And now over Bethlehem, in the Nativity according to Luke, the star hangs high, victorious on a silent night, a holy night. Now all is calm. God comes.... God comes quiet.... This night, you on this visited planet, your rescue is here. You can breathe. Your God now on straw.... All of conquered heaven and grateful earth echo and throb tonight with the heart cry of the God-Child: "I did it for love."

Ann Voskamp, *The Greatest Gift*

*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #137, v. 1

"What Child Is This?"

THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Messiah, the Lord. - - Luke 2:8-11

PRELUDE

"O Holy Night"
Dwight/Adam

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 1: 1-5, 14)

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: **He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.**

LEADER: The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

PEOPLE: **We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Come, let us worship our God!**

*HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
No. 145

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, SILENCE CONFESSION & REPENTENCE

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness.

PEOPLE: **We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.**

LEADER: Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: A Child has been born for us; a Son given to us.

PEOPLE: **Authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

LEADER: Hear the good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, our sins are forgiven.

THE RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORK IN OUR LIVES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (responsively)

LEADER: Incarnate Lord, on that first Holy Night, to all was offered the gift for which our hearts long.

PEOPLE: **Receive these offerings which we bring and dedicate to You with our deepest joy and generosity.**

LEADER: May we find in celebrating You a renewed desire to serve You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY — No. 131, v. 4

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory
Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly, the Lord descending, in His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)
Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)
Laurie Jones