



Christmas Eve Service, 2020

**Wake Forest Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

Christmas Eve Service

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Isaiah 9:2-7

***Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens Of heaven above;
Glory to God, Glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

***The Gathering Prayer**

Most Holy God, we offer ourselves as a manger bed. We offer our tired, exhausted bodies as a crib. We offer our wounded but soft hearts for swaddling blankets to warm the new baby of Bethlehem. Holy God, we come that you will abide in us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1-20

***Hymn** *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart
Prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Christmas Eve Meditation

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth.
Your voices raise to God in praise;
And Peace to all on earth.

Prayers of the People

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

Offerings to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Gifts

Communion Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of Communion

The Light of Christ Lighting Our Lives

***Hymn** *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,
Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

The Hallelujah Chorus

Servants:

Cheryl Crews – Pianist

J. David Griffin – Minister

Julia Wheeler – Minister of Relational Creativity