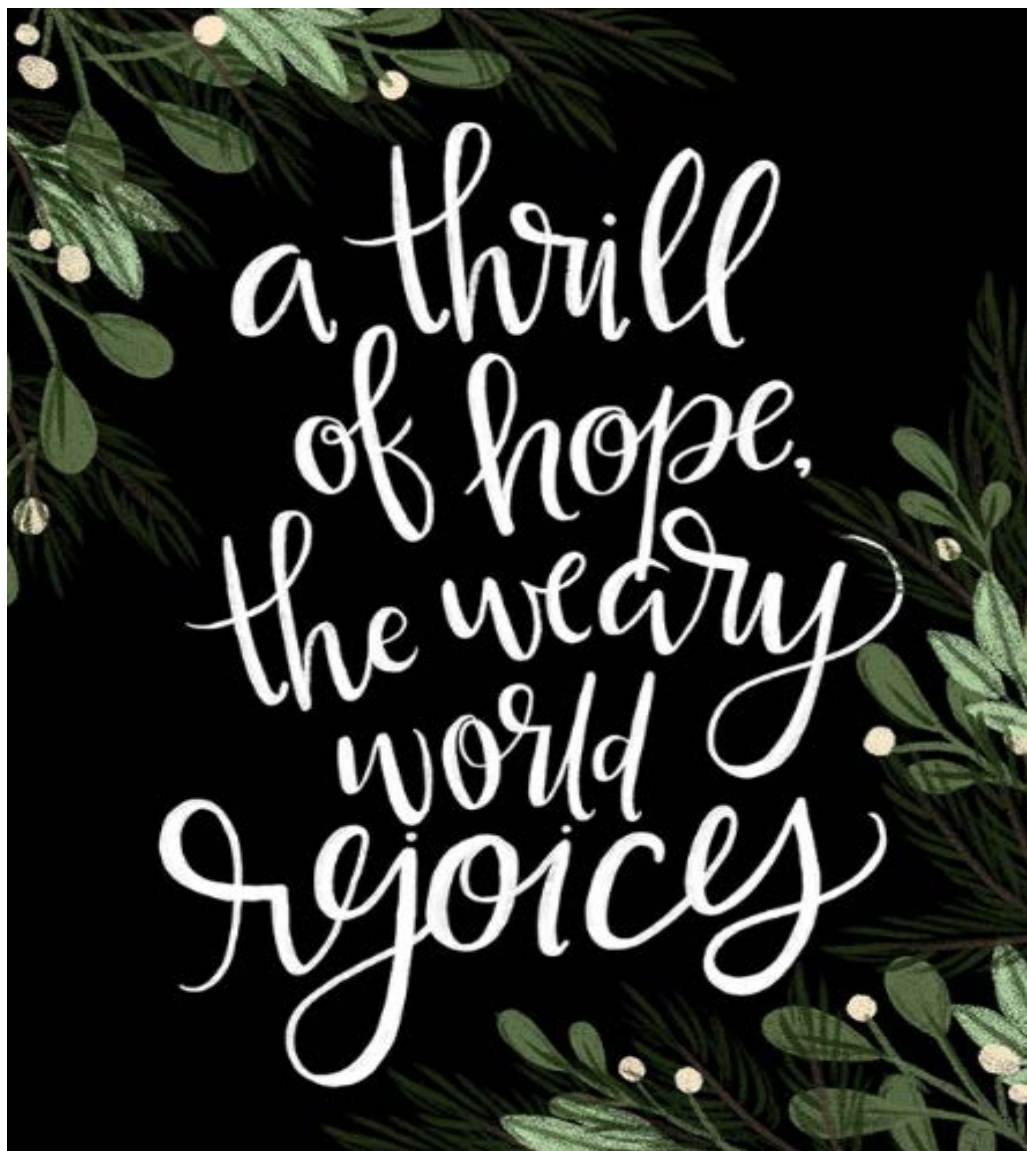


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Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Special Music: 6:30 PM      Worship Service: 7:00 PM

December 24, 2020

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*Candlelight Communion Service*  
*Celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus*

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC (6:30 PM)**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

Arr. Dennis L Horton

Lenoir-Rhyne University Trumpet Ensemble  
Amelia Coger, Hudson, NC  
Ian Elkins, Lincolnton, NC  
Ethan Farkas, Lincolnton, NC  
Taylor Moore, Valdese, NC  
Coleman Warner, Lincolnton, NC  
Tim Phillips, Instructor

*Little Drummer Boy*

Katherine Davis, Henry Onoratt, Harry Simeone  
Morelle Fokwa, Soloist

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

inspired by Tchaikovsky, Arr. Larry Shackley  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

*Holy Emmanuel*

Steve Hindalong, Terry Scott Taylor (CCLI#: 3902035)  
FUPCDC Music Team

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Arr. Dennis L Horton  
Lenoir-Rhyne University Trumpet Ensemble

*O Holy Night*

Justin Streletz, Pianist      Adolph C. Adam, Arr. John Carter

*Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child*

FUPCDC Music Team      Robert Elkins (CCLI#: 4206259)

*Welcome To Our World*

Martin Andrews, Soloist      Chris Rice (CCLI#: 2317391)

**PRELUDE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

inspired by Debussy, Arr. Faye Lopez

Justin Streletz, Pianist

**CHRISTMAS WELCOME (7:00 PM)**



**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

**Praise be to God who has heard our cries.**

Our souls sing out God's praise!

**God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.**

Tonight, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

**And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.**

Let us worship God!



**OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

133

1 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!

2 True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
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!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

## ***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE***

Lois Walker and Marti Hall

Merry Christmas! Tonight is the night we have been preparing for throughout Advent. Jesus is born. With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning came down and lived with us. While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth.

We light this candle for Christ.

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

## ***PRAYER***

Let us pray...We have been waiting for this night, Loving God. We have prepared ourselves for this special time. On this Christmas Eve, let us live as those who let hope, peace, joy, and love reign in our lives. As the candles burn brightly and light our path, let us live as those who have Christ's light burning inside us today and every day. Amen.

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Gilbert

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20 NRSV

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **ANTHEM**

#### *Joy Has Dawned*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

FUPCDC Children and Youth Choir with the Chancel Choir  
Alex Touzinsky, Violinist

### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

The Weary World Rejoices!

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

### **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please email Pastor Adam, [adam.bowling@fupcdc.org](mailto:adam.bowling@fupcdc.org).*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**



### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

121

1 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.

2 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,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

### **SERVICE OF GIVING - CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

*Typically, we collect a special "Christmas Joy Offering" at the Christmas Eve worship services at FUPCDC. This offering assists current and retired PC(USA) church workers who are in need and supports developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.*

*This year, since we will not gather in person for worship on Christmas Eve, there are two ways you can give to the Christmas Joy offering. (1) You can mail a check to the church with "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" on the memo line. (2) You can go to our website, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org), and click "online collection plate" and use the "designated giving" to give-putting "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" in the note field. If you would like to know even more about this special offering, check out this website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>*

*Thank you for your continued support of this important cause!*

Music at the Offering

*One Small Child*  
Martin Andrews, Soloist

David Meece (CCLI#: 10783)



**SUNG PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *In the Bleak Midwinter (verse 4)*

144

4 What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man,  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.



## ***THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER***

### ***INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE***

#### ***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

***THE LORD'S PRAYER*** (*Sung*) Dana Van Slyke, Soloist

Albert Hay Malotte

. . . Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### ***WORDS OF INSTITUTION***

#### ***COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE***

Music during Communion

*O Holy Night*

Adolphe Adam, Edited by Carl Deis

Jim Van Slyke, Soloist

#### ***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

## **WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### ***SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST VIDEO***

Members and Friends of FUPCDC

1 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

2 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.

3 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

4 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.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*



*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES*

1 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 nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, 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.


3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

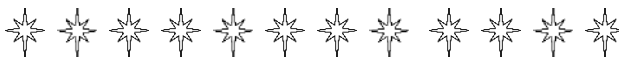
4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

 POSTLUDE

*The Coventry Carol*

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL, Arr. Larry Shackley  
Justin Stretetz, Pianist

 Please stand, in body or in spirit.



Have a very Merry Christmas!

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