

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00p.m.

Words of Welcome

Prelude

*Opening Carol "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1,3,6) UMH 234

*Call to Worship:

Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night.

God's word has been made flesh among us.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

*The Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle to proclaim that, out of love for the world, God dispelled darkness forever through the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. The candle is lit. May the Lord Jesus Christ take all darkness out of our hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Angel Visits Mary: Luke 1:26-38

Anthem "O Holy Night" Kay Hawkins

Mary & Elizabeth: Luke 1:39-45

Carol "The First Noel" (v. 1-2) UMH 245

The Birth in Bethlehem: Luke 2:1-7

Carol	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs. 1- 2)	UMH 230
The Angels & the Shepherds:		Luke 2:8-14
Carol	"What Child Is This" (vs. 1, 3)	UMH 219
The Shepherds Worship:		Luke 2:15-20
Carol	"Away In A Manger" (vs. 1, 3)	UMH 217
The Word Made Flesh:		John 1:1-5, 14; 3:16-17
Message	"A Manger for the World"	Rev. Michael Reaves

Invitation to the Christmas Offering:

Come now and kneel before the Christ child. Bring all that you are and all that you have. Offer your gifts in wonder and surprise and awe. Offer your gifts in joy and delight.

*Offertory Response:	"In the Bleak Midwinter" (v. 4)	UMH 221
	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 Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (UMH 13)

Giving the Bread and Cup

***Passing the Light of Christ**

*Carol	"Silent Night"	Back Page
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***Sending Forth**

Christ the Savior is born. Go forth in the strength of the Spirit to ponder and proclaim the good news. **Amen.**

*Carol	"Joy to the World" (vs. 1, 4)	UMH 246
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***Postlude**

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(*Those who are able, please stand.)

The Christmas Offering will go to United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) which helps children and families in need in the Commonwealth of Virginia through Residential Treatment programs for at-risk youth, Treatment Foster Care and Adoption services for children in transition.

Holy Communion and Candle Lighting: Holy Communion will be served by intinction. After receiving communion, return to your pew and remain standing. When all have been served, the pastor will light his candle. The ushers will then receive the light from the pastor and take it to the people. After receiving the light, turn to your neighbor and offer the light until all candles are illuminated. As the light is passed to one another, we will join in singing "Silent Night, Holy Night." After the Sending Forth, please extinguish your candle as we sing "Joy to the World."

Silent Night

- 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 the 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!



**Silent Night,
Holy Night**