



Jesus

UNTO US A
CHILD IS BORN,
UNTO US A
SON IS GIVEN.

ISAIAH 9:6

Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2013, 7:00p.m.

Prelude

Opening Sentence

Luke 2:10-11

"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 the Messiah, the Lord."

Welcome

*Call to Worship:

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

P: God's word has been made flesh among us.

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

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

L: 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.

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

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

*Hymn:

"The First Noel"

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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.**

Carol Sing

(Please remain seated as we sing the first verse of each carol.)

- 1) O Come, All Ye Faithful (234)
- 2) O Little Town Of Bethlehem (230)
- 3) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (218)

- 4) Away In a Manger (217)
- 5) Joy to the World (246)

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 1041

Special Music “O Holy Night”

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 p. 1540

Christmas Meditation: “Our Song for the Savior”

The Christmas Offering

Special Music “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Prayer of Dedication: Glory to God in the highest heaven! We praise your name with our offerings. We give these gifts in recognition of Jesus, a tiny babe who from humble birth was created great in your light. Thank you, Gracious God, for pure, unbounded love wrapped in clothes laying in a manger – a gift so great to share that it could not be contained. Let the joy we feel in our hearts overflow in unending praise. **Amen.**

Passing the Light of Christ

(We will remain seated throughout the candle lighting ceremony. The ushers will bring the light to those at the end of the pews. Always keep your lighted candles upright and tip the unlighted candles as you pass the light along your row. Please watch that no clothing or hair gets near the flame. Our recommendation is that children less than sixth years old share a candle with a parent or adult. Please extinguish your candle following the singing of “Silent Night” but take the light of Christ that is in you into the world.)

Carol “Silent Night” Back

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(Carefully raise your lighted candles during the fourth stanza as a tribute to God's Wondrous Light, Jesus Christ, shining in our lives and through us to the world.)

***Benediction**

The heralds on the mountains bring us good news of great joy: Jesus has come to preach peace in all the world. Go and tell everyone you meet all that

you have seen and heard. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with us all. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Hymn:** "Joy to the World" (vs. 2-4)

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***Postlude**

(*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.

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!

Merry Christmas