

Celebration of Worship For the Lord's Day

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES AND CHRIST CANDLE -
OUR REDEMPTION Bill and Dee Buzzard
Hear God's promise of the Messiah in Isaiah 9... The people who walk in darkness will see a great light-a light that will shine on all who live in the land where death casts its shadow. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on His shoulders. These will be His royal titles, Wonder Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the Lord Almighty will guarantee this!

And in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1, we are again reminded: Christ Jesus is made unto us righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER: There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son. Thank you, Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving Your Spirit until the work o earth is done. Glory to God in the Highest! Alleluia! AMEN!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #145: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *O Holy Night*

*Response of Praise #624

Doxology

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 1:26-38

*HYMN OF PRAISE #132: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

ANTHEM *A Child, A King*

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:1-20

*HYMN OF PRAISE #157: *Away In A Manger*

STORY READING: "TROUBLE AT THE INN"

*HYMN OF PRAISE #125: *Joy to the World*

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1:1-14

(Light from the Christ candle will be brought to worshippers in the pews. Please tip your unlit candle into the flame of the lit candle. Then share the light by holding your lit candle upright, and letting your neighbor tip his/her candle into your flame. Please extinguish your candles at the end of the hymn. Please take care to keep all lit candles upright.)

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *Silent Night, Holy 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! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing
alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!**

**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.**

**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

*POSTLUDE

**all who are able, please stand*

Announcements:

We extend a special welcome to guests and family who are worshipping with us tonight. We wish each of you a blessed, holy and Merry Christmas.

Many thanks to all who have taken part in the leadership of this worship service and to all who have labored behind the scenes to beautify the sanctuary and grounds and to manage the sound system. To God be the glory!

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Brenda Wadding, Joyce Jamison, Betti Wilson and the choir for their ministry of music tonight.

The 2018 offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please take home yours and if you have a shut-in member neighbor, please take theirs too.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at the end of the pew.

Pastor – Sheila Wadding
Organist – Brenda Wadding
Choir Director – Joyce Jamison