



*Silent Night
Holy Night*

Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE December 24, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The Preludes “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
 “White Christmas”

Nikki & Jeff Kready
Accompanist, Nancy Goodall

The Welcome, Announcements, and Bidding Prayer

*Opening “Once in Royal David’s City” (St. 1,2 4) 183

*Lighting the Christ Candle *The Fullness of God in Jesus*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
**Born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem
those who were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children.**

And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his
Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

**So, we are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir, through God.**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation;

**For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible, whether thrones or
dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been
created through him and for him.**

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold
together.

**He is the head of the body, the church; he is the
beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might
come to have first place in everything.**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and
through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all
things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of his cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Galatians 4:4-7; Colossians 1:15-20; Philippians 2:9-11— The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

***A Carol “O Come All Ye Faithful” (St. 1,2) 182**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

BETHLEHEM EPHRATAH

The City of David

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

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.

Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

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.

Luke 2:1-7 – The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (St. 1, 4) 180

THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

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:

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you:

You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

Luke 2:8-14 – The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A Carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” (S. 1, 3) 188

A Carol “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (St. 1, 2) 189

THE SHEPHERDS HURRY TO BETHLEHEM

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.”

Luke 2:15 – The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A Carol “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (St. 1) 191

THE SHEPHERDS REJOICE

So, the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

Luke 2:16-20 – The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

A Carol “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (St. 1) 221

THE BIRTH RETOLD

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way.

When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

***A Carol “A Communion Hymn for Christmas”**

Verse 1

Gathered 'round Your table on this holy eve
Viewing Bethlehem's stable we rejoice and grieve
Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed
Weep to see You dying in our sinful stead

Verse 5

Christmas Babe so tender Lamb who bore our blame
How shall sinners render praises due Your name
Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring
In Your ransomed treasure reign forever King
Amen.

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The Lord's Supper:

**The Breaking of the Bread
The Passing of the Cup**

The Christmas Offering Collection and Dedication Prayer

**Offertory Special "Christmas Lullaby" by John Turner
Janet Nyfeler, Church Accompanist and Choir Director**

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

†**Candlelight Ceremony** – The Minister will light the processional candles from the Christ Candle. Ushers will distribute small, individual candles to worshipers before the service. A flame will be passed person-to-person as we sing. Please keep lighted candles upright, and tip the unlighted candles to transfer the flames.

A Carol

“Away in a Manger”

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GOD'S LIGHT IN THE WORLD

The Prophet Isaiah foretold: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

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

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2-3; 6-7 - The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

*A Carol "Silent Night" 186
Jim Goodnow and Zach Smith, guitar players

*Closing Prayer

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "Joyful Recessional" by Gary Norian
Janet Nyfeler, Church Accompanist and Choir Director



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS OFFERING – The church building is 100 years old in 2018. We have made significant repairs and improvements to the building this year, totaling more than \$60,000.00. Please prayerfully consider giving a financial donation to the “Home for the Holidays” Christmas Offering. Ten-percent of all funds received in the Christmas Offering will help build the Habitat for Humanity house at 422 SW Taylor St. in our neighborhood

END-OF-THE-YEAR GIFT – Please consider giving an End-of-the-Year gift online, by mail, or in person. West Side Baptist Church is tax exempt under the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all donations are tax deductible as provided by law. All donations for 2018 must be received before December 31 to be included in your statement of giving.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY - If you need emergency medical assistance, please notify an Usher. An Usher will contact 911 Emergency and notify any doctors, nurses or medical staff in the Congregation. If an emergency develops, please keep calm and quiet. The service will continue after the emergency is under control by professionals.

POINSETTIAS – Thank you to the individuals and families who shared a poinsettia which graced the Sanctuary during the Advent/Christmas season. Families are encouraged to take their poinsettias home after tonight’s service.