

Lowcountry Presbyterian Church 10 Simmonsville Road Bluffton, SC 29910

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020

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Prelude

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Karen Ball, piano

arr. Linda R. Lamb

arr. Joel Raney

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
Jubilate Ringers

Announcements Rev. Chris Herrin

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ralph Peters & Robin Lind

Call to Worship Rev. Stephanie Dion

*Hymn #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Evening Prayer Rev. Herrin

Children's Moment Rev. Dion

Special Music Winter Song Fernando Ortega
Dale Nordby, soloist

The Christmas Story

Isaiah 7:14 Rev. Dion

Hymn #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Luke 1:26-31 Judy Barry

Piano Interlude

Angels We Have Heard on High Karen Ball

Matthew 1:18-25 Stephen Ball

Hymn #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 1 & 4)

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.

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!

Luke 2:1-7 Maureen Kalmbach

Hymn #115

Away in a Manger

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. 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.

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.

Meditation "Awake" Rev. Chris Herrin

Duet Mary, Did You Know? John Jacob Niles

Dale Nordby and Robin Lind, Karen Ball, piano

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Herrin

Christmas Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Benediction

***Recessional Hymn Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round you 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, Loves 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!

*Those who are able, please stand.

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I WILL Light Candles This Christmas

Candles of joy, despite all sadness, Candles of hope where despair keeps watch, Candles of courage for fears ever present, Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days, Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens, Candles of love to inspire all my living, Candles that will burn all the year long. **Howard Thurman**

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Our Vision

Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.