

Order of Worship
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2018

6:00 PM

Welcome

Prelude – Lo, How Rose E'er Blooming (*German carol*).....Carter/Purifoy

• Call to Worship

Leader: Joy to the world!
People: The Lord has come.
Leader: Peace on earth!
People: The Savior reigns.
Leader: Bring your gifts before the holy child,
People: God-with-us born in a manger!
All: **Let us worship God!**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle.....The Hambidge Family

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!
People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

• Invocation

• Christmas Hymn #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful.....**ADESTE FIDELES**

• Prayer of Confession

Leader: Like a great light in a land of deep darkness, the mercy of the Lord shines upon us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.
People: O God, as we remember the story of the holiest night, Lead us to know the good news of Christ's birth for all people, even us. We want to imagine ourselves on the first Christmas Eve: worshiping with the shepherds, bowing with the animals, or praying with Mary for peace on earth. Still we worry that we would have ignored your signs, surrendered to fear, and hidden our face from the majesty of the birth of your child. We want to imagine ourselves on the first Christmas Eve: faithful servants worshiping God without hesitation or failure. Still we know that we are quick to turn away from your good news, ignoring the power of your story, and surrendering to the commercial Christmas of our world. Forgive us, Lord, and wrap us in your peace. Pull us into the life of your story, and empower us to find Christ anew in this world; Through Christ we pray.
Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken. Amen.

Special Music – O Holy Night (Cantique de Noel).....Adam/Cappeau
Clay Wilson, soloist

SHARE GOD'S WORD

Today's passages.....Speak of the birth of Christ, who is God With Us

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.....p.638
The Word of the Lord • **Thanks be to God**

Special Music- Angels We Have Heard on High**GLORIA**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
REFRAIN: Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *REFRAIN*
LOGOS Choir – all ages, past and present

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-14.....p.58
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Meditation.....

• Christmas Hymn - #115 Away in a Manger.....**MUELLER**

• Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory – From Heaven Above – *Von Himmel/Hoch*.....Luther/Young

• Doxology - #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.....**OLD HUNDREDTH**

The Lord's Supper (all elements are gluten-free)

Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion and return by the side aisles

Duet – What Child is This?/Child of the Poor.....**GREENSLEEVES/Soper/Dix**
Carol Battle and Zora Mallory
Stin Fox, bass guitar, Randy Mallory, mandolin, Tony Pritchett, guitar

Lighting of the Candles

● **Christmas Hymn - #122 Silent Night, Holy Night!.....STILLE NACHT**

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.

● **Benediction**

● **Postlude – Intonation on Hark the Herald Angels Sing.....Bender**

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able.

TODAY AT DPC

Worship Leaders: Paul Casner and Mary Goodloe

Head Usher: Beth Chiles

Sound/Video: Tony Pritchett/Donna Pritchett

Communion Set-up: Beth Chiles

Acolytes: Amylyn Christian and Keaton Crumby

Childcare: Samantha Bryson and Macy Wright

Pastoral Care Team:

Leaders – Judy Bass, Debby Barnard

Ministers – Amy Blanton, Melanie Caskey, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson,
Grace Lewis, Betty Polk, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

Donelson Presbyterian Church

Sharing the Love of Christ



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*Please feel free to take a poinsettia home with you as
you leave this evening.*

