

*Glory* TO  
*God*  
IN  
*heaven,*  
AND ON EARTH  
*peace*  
AMONG THOSE  
WHOM HE FAVORS.

LUKE 2:14



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**  
**December 24, 2023**

**A Celebration of the Incarnation**

*Welcome to this celebration of the incarnation, God in human form. After having journeyed these last weeks, tonight we stand beside the manger and find ourselves humbled by the lengths to which God went to ensure our salvation. Tonight, we gather to worship the newborn King.*

**Prelude of Music**

<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	Charles Callahan (Bill Powell, Organ)
<i>“Angel Medley”</i>	arr. Bill Wolaver (Bill Powell, Piano)
<i>“Do You Hear What I Hear?”</i>	arr. Harry Simeone (Glade Choir)
<i>“Almost There”</i>	Smith/King/Grant (Lisa Jordre, Alto)
<i>“Still, Still, Still”</i>	arr. Tammy Waldrop (Glade Tower Handbell Choir)
<i>“O Holy Night”</i>	Adolphe Adam (Darrell Johnson, Baritone)

## Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Greeting

Chad Weddle

\*Opening Hymn “*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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to The be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord!*

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

(Ogg Family)

Reading & Lighting of the *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love & Christ* Candles

Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:10; Romans 5:5

*Lighting the candle of Christ*

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verse 1***

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

## Opening Prayer

L: Holy God,

**P: We stand in awe of your greatest mystery once again: that you would come to us as one of us, in strength and weaknesses, divine and human, God with us. A child is given, and heaven and earth are forever joined. No matter what we do, no matter who we are, we are never alone. Praise be to you, Holy God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

Second Reading: Psalm 97

\*Hymn “*Away in a Manger*”

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Third Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Choral Anthem “*Shepherd’s Joy*”

Parker/Hayes

Fourth Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Solo “*Mary Did You Know?*”

Greene/Lowry  
(Lisa Jordre, Alto)

Message

Chad Weddle

\*Carol of Response “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Christ, by highest heav’n adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord!*

*Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the favored one.*

*Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, the incarnate Deity,*

*Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

*Hail! the heav’n born Prince of peace! Hail! The Son of Righteousness!*

*Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings*

*Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,*

*Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory “*Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*” arr. Anna Laura Page  
Glade Tower Handbell Choir

\*Doxology “*In the Bleak Midwinter*” Verse 4

*What can I give him? Poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd I would give a lamb  
If I were a wise man I would do my part  
But what I can I give him Give him my heart.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

L: God of peace and joy,

**P: In love you sent your son into the world. In response to that love,  
we give you our hearts - all that we have and all that we are - to be  
used by you in this time and place. Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF COMMUNION**

*Follow communion service beginning on the bottom of page  
5 in The New Century Hymnal*

\* *Seraphic Hymn*

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### **The Light of Christ**

\*Carol of Light

“*Silent 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, Heav'nly hosts sing al-le-lu-ia;  
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.*

\*Benediction and Dismissal

L: May the light that shines in the darkness guide your path; may you be filled with peace and goodwill; and may the blessings of God be upon you and remain with you always.

**All: Lord, let your servant go in peace. Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

Closing Hymn *“Joy to the World”*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes nations prove the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Postlude *“On Christmas Night”*

Quentin Thomas

*\*Please stand as able in body or spirit*

<b><u>Worship Participants</u></b>	
<b>Pastor:</b>	Chad Weddle
<b>Music Director:</b>	Dr. William Powell, III
<b>Lay Readers:</b>	Ogg Family



Please enjoy the poinsettias throughout the sanctuary that are provided by members in remembrance and honor of their loved ones. A Poinsettia Garden Program is provided that lists our loved ones and the family members honoring them.

## The Christmas Fund

Tonight's offering serves a dual purpose. Checks support the congregation's ongoing operations by contributing to the general account. Meanwhile, loose bills and change will be directed to the Christmas Fund, for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency fund. This Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ is a tribute to and acknowledgment of the dedicated service rendered to our church community.

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We wish to thank Bill Powell, Lisa Jordre, Darrell Johnson, The Glade Choir, and The Glade Tower Handbell Choir for sharing their gift of music for tonight's service.



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May the joy of the season and the birth of our savior warm your hearts and minds.



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!



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