

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Instrumentalists

“Silent Night”

“The Manger Medley” (Kirkpatrick) arr. Bock

Service of Candle Lighting

As “Silent Night” is sung and as the lights are turned off, the pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle. The pastor will then light the candles of the ushers. The ushers will light the candles of the first people in the pews. Please remember to keep the lighted candle upright, and the unlit candle should be tipped to be lit. We will leave the Sanctuary singing the last verse, with the Holy Family leading.

*Departing Prayer:

Pastor: As one candle is lit from another, the light is not diminished but increases. So it is with the light of Christ in each of us. As we give it away, it will only grow.

People: Lord, let your servants now depart in peace. According to your word; for our eyes have seen your salvation, and our hearts have felt your love. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem, fill our lives and become part of all we do and say. Help us to make room in all of the activities of our lives for the Christ Child and may he give us the perfect Christmas.

*Hymn No. 239

“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, 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!*

***Those who are able, please stand.**

Pianist: Jane Beare Organist: Suzanne Woodrum

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
White Bluff United Methodist Church
December 24, 2016
5:00 P.M.

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. John Haney

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, We have broken your law, We have rebelled against your love, We have not loved our neighbor as you have loved us, And we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray Silently

Words of Pardon and Forgiveness

LEADER: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

CONGREGATION: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

ALL: *Glory to God. Amen.*

The Christmas Offering

(Goes to the Reed House)

The Offertory

“O Holy Night”
 by Adolphe Adam
 Greg Smith, soloist

Chancel Choir

The Advent Doxology

*O Glorious God, to you we bring:
 All that we are as offering
 Spirit of joy, within us dwell;
 Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

The Message

“Come and See”

Rev. John Haney

Hymn No. 246

“Joy To The World”
 Stanza 1

Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

Rev. John Haney

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Communion will be by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping the bread in the cup. Parents, please help with the younger children. Thank You.

These songs will be sung during communion.

Prelude “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
 (with Sheep May Safely Graze) by Bock
 arrangement by Linda McKechnie

“Joy to the World”
 (With Psalm 19) by Marcello
 arrangement by Linda McKechnie

Welcome and Greeting “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!”
 No. 224, Stanza 2 Congregation

Invocation Rev. John Haney

*Hymn No. 171 “There’s Something About That Name”

*Hymn No. 220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”
 Stanzas 1 and 4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath And Christ Candle Bill Brown & Family

*We honor Messiah with Christ’s candle flame
 Our Christmas Eve Candles glad tidings proclaim
 O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night
 As God comes among us, the Christian’s true light.*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20 Rev. John Haney

Hymn No. 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
 Stanzas 1 and 4

The Invitation Rev. John Haney