



## ORDER OF WORSHIP • CHRISTMAS EVE

With great joy we welcome you to our Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Tonight we join together in celebration of the birth of our savior. It is our hope that on this holy night you will find the scripture, songs, prayers, and reflections we share to be a blessing to you in your personal journey of faith. May the joyous wonder of God's precious and unfathomable gift fill you with faith, hope, and love on this night and always.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE • Good Christian Friends, Rejoice - arr. Moklebust

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

# CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid; for behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy.

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

This will be a sign for you: you will find the child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!

Let us go to Bethlehem.

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-7

THIRD READING

Luke 2:8-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER** 

### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Do You Hear What I Hear? - Noel and Gloria Regney
OFFERTORY RESPONSE Refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **MEDITATION**

"Power, Power, Whose Got the Power" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

# Carol • 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.

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

## Carol • 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; 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!

#### Carol • The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. (Refrain)

#### **CANDLELIGHT AND CAROL**

## **Candle Lighting Ceremony**

The Rev. Dr. Bess and The Rev. Wasser will light their candles from the Christ Candle and then pass that light to the ushers. The light of the ushers' candles will then be passed to those closest to the center aisle.

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, 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!

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE • Joy to the World - Burkhardt

# **➣ SERVING TODAY ଔ**

### **OFFICIATING MINISTER**

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

## **ASSISTING MINISTER**

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

#### **MUSICIANS**

Chancel Choir: Justin Chase, Director Organist: Penny Walsh

Soloist: Lauren Langa

Westminster Ringers: Meg Baldwin, Janet Barnes, Alan Davis, Dana Irwin, Jayne Leach, Sevilla Morse, Doug Reece, Jan Reker, Holly Small, Dawn Sumrall, George Sumrall, Sarah Thomas, Susan Davis - Director

Percussion: Justin Chase and Emily Wasser

## **AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece Doug Reece Nelson Roe

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

Our CCLI License number is 11184426, and our OneLicense.net number is 725233.



Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

### **Pastoral Care**

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, please contact us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at <a href="mailto:darrenb@winppc.org">darrenb@winppc.org</a> or 407-647-1467 x 103. For pastoral emergencies when the church office is closed, call 407-647-1467 x 112.

### **Publicity**

If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please fill out the form located at <a href="http://winppc.org/publicity-request/">http://winppc.org/publicity-request/</a>.

## **Transportation for Church Events**

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

	The Session	
2020	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker
Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan
Rick Davis	Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey
Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed	Michelle Trahan
Larry Seel	Peter Rice	Jay Van Hook
<b>Bob White</b>	Nelson Roe	

	The Diaconate	
<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis
Cathy House	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns
Caroline James	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers
Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich
Dennis Schmalstig	Sara Van Arsdel	Meg Ball Thomas
Matt Straub	Jeanne Vinci	

#### Missions Supported by WPPC

Audrey Ball, Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation, Ukraine
Dr. Robert Gamble, This Child Here, Ukraine
Dennis & Susan Walters, SIL, East Asia
Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, Wycliffe, Nigeria
Dr. Anne Hallum, A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation), Guatemala

#### PC(USA) World Missions

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil Jenny Bent, Dominican Republic Mark Hare, Haiti; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

### Staff

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor
Justin Chase, Director of Music
Penny Walsh, Organist
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

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