

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
CHRISTMAS-EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
December 24, 2013, 5:00 P.M.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Once In Royal David's City"

Arr. Alice Jordan

Lighting of the Candles

Chimes

+Call to Worship:

"Angels, form the Realms of Glory"

#259

+Prayer of Invocation

+Carol Of Praise

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

#277

+Lighting of the Christ Candle

Betty Hammill

Luke 2:1-20

+Greeting

"Emmanuel"

#243

+Christmas Affirmation of Faith

I believe in the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth it celebrates;

I believe in the lights of Christmas, for they remind me of Him who is the Light of the world;

I believe in the greenery of Christmas, for it symbolizes the eternal life of those in Christ;

I believe in giving gifts at Christmas, for it is in keeping with the greatest gift the world has ever known;

I believe in being childlike at Christmas, for Jesus said we must become as children to enter the kingdom of heaven;

I believe in the angels' song about peace on earth among persons of goodwill, for when my will is good, as it is at Christmas, I feel a peace and joy in my heart that is unlike anything else in all the world. It has to be the peace and joy of God. Amen.

+Please stand, if able

The Silent Prayers of Confession and Intercession

The Evening Prayer/Response:

"Away in a Manger"

Choir

Anthem:

"The Child Who Was Born to Be King"

Besig/Price

Offertory Sentence: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

(2 Corinthians 9:15)

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"The Birthday of the King"

Piano/Organ

+Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

+Carol

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

#251

Solo:

"Mary Did You Know"

Joanna Wilkinson

A Christmas Thought

"A Simple Scene"

Anthem:

"O Holy Night"

Women's Ensemble



Preparation and Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall not hunger."

People: On the night in which He became the Passover Lamb, He took the bread, blessed it and broke it.

Pastor: And He said: "Take it and eat it, for this is My body. And He took the wine after supper, blessed it, and passed it to His disciples and said:

People: "This is my blood which seals the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many."

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine-dresser."

People: "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we do remember the Lord's death until He comes again!"

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lighting Our Candles from the Christ Candle

+Carols

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#250

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

#253

+Benediction

+Extinguishing of the Candles

(Please take your candles with you and return them to the containers in the narthex. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!)

+Postlude

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Piano/Organ

+Please stand, if able

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



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