

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS-EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

December 24, 2008, 5:00 P.M.

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome

+Call to Worship

Pastor: “For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us. And the government will rest upon His shoulders. These will be His royal titles: “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His kingdom will never end!”

People: “And she will have a son and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins!”

+Invocation

+Opening Hymn

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 133

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Travis and Courtney McCurry

Infant Baptisms of Josephine Ann Rech and Jennifer Alice Rech, daughters of Justin and Julie Rech

Dr. J. David Hester / Rev. Kevin Wood

Special Music

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
Marcie Clark Memorial Handbell Choir

The Incarnation of the Word

John 1:1-5, 14, 16-18 (pgs. 84 & 85)

Special Music

“Little Drummer Boy”

John Golliher, Soloist

The Birth of the Savior

Luke 2:1-21 (pgs. 53 & 54)

+Please Stand

+Hymn of Praise

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 132

+Lighting of the Christ Candle

Special Music

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Brent Witmer, Soloist

Preparation and Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Pastor: Jesus was born to die for our sins on the cross. On the night in which He became the sacrificial lamb, He took the Passover bread, blessed it and broke it and said:

People: “Take it and eat it, for this is My body.”

Pastor: And He took the Passover 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!”

The Silent Prayers of Confession

Special Music

“O Holy Night”

Karen Ware, Soloist

Instructions for the Lord’s Table

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-30 (pg. 28)

The Prayer of Consecration

The Serving of the Bread and Cup

(This evening the elders will serve you in the pew. Please go ahead and partake of the elements as they are passed to you.)

+Please Stand

**Preparing to Share the Good News with the World**

Pastor: Jesus said: “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life! Jesus also said: “You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all.

People: **In the same way, your life shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”**

**Lighting Our Candles from the Christ Candle**

+Christmas Carols	No. 147
“Silent Night”	No. 125
“Joy to the World”	

**+Benediction and Blessing**

**+Extinguishing of the Candles**

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

**+Please Stand**

Thank You!

Our sincere thanks to those who shared their musical talents to the glory of God, to the elders who served Holy Communion and to all those who led us in worship this evening.

Christmas Card Post Office

Please check the tables in the narthex and take your unclaimed Christmas cards home this evening!

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service



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