



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

5:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2017

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Natalie Lyons	<i>"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"</i>	English Carol
Jeffrey Lyons	<i>"One Small Child"</i>	David Meece
Will Hedrick	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	L.H. Redner
Holyn Hedrick	<i>"The First Noel"</i>	French Carol
Natalie and Jeffrey Lyons, Duet	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	arr. Isaac Watts
Addie Brookshire	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	Traditional
Jeffrey Lyons, Solo	<i>"The Snow Lay on the Ground"</i>	arr. Cutter

WELCOME William Hoyle

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Andrew Seiwel, Michelle Marchessault, and Madeline

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", stanza 7, #88

All (sung): O come, Desire of nations bind, all people in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Reader 1: We have lit candles the four Sundays of Advent to remind us to watch.

Reader 2: Tonight we remember the story "While Mary and Joseph were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her son, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger." (Luke 2: 6-7)

Reader 1: Tonight we give thanks for this child and light this Christ Candle.

Reader 2: We give thanks for every child among us, that reminds us of the preciousness of life, the potential of tomorrow, and the promise of God. In God's promise we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

All (sung): "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

*OPENING HYMN #137 *"He Came Down" (all stanzas)*

*A CHRISTMAS PRAYER Patrick McElwaine

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *"Do You Hear What I Hear"* Traditional

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

The Prophecy

Isaiah 11:1-2a; 9:6

Katie Morris

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him.

Leader: A child is born to us! A son is given to us!

People: And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father."

*HYMN #88 *"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.

The Birth

Matthew 1:18-21

Hymn #115 *"Away in a Manger" (verse 1)*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Matthew 1:22-25

Hymn #145 *"What Child Is This" (verse 1)*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

The Angels

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn #113 *"Angels We Have Heard on High" (verse 1)*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Shepherds

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn #147

"The First Nowell" (verse 1)

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

The Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-6

Hymn #133

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (verse 1)

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!

***The New King**

Matthew 2:7-12

(Children are invited to come forward for a Christmas Story as we sing.)

Hymn #145

"What Child Is This" (verse 3)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Wendy Duncan

*HYMN #122

"Silent Night, Holy Night!"

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row, noting your neighbors upon its return.

OFFERTORY

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

arr. Carter

THE SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(To light your candle, tip your wick into the flame of the candle from which you are lighting. Please keep your candle upright once lit.)

*HYMN #134

"Joy to the World"

Please raise your candles, higher on each verse, lifting your light to the world as we sing.

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Please extinguish your candle and leave it at the door or carry it home.

POSTLUDE

"Christmas Carols"

***All who are able may stand.**
