



# Clemmons Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 24, 2018

*A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here this evening.  
Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row,  
noting your neighbors upon its return.*

## PRELUDE

	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	McKlveen
	Sanctuary Bells	
	<i>"What Child is This?"</i>	English Carol
	Jeffrey Lyons	
	<i>"Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"</i>	Ryan
	Sanctuary Bells	
	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	F. Gruber
	Natalie Lyons	
	<i>"Can't Stop Running"</i>	Adam Ben Ezra
	Zane Holloman	
	<i>"Silent Night"</i>	arr. Perez-Monagas
	Ariel Perez-Monagas	

## WELCOME

William Hoyle

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Norris Family

Leader 1: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord promised:

Leader 2: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*

**People: *Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.*"**

-Isaiah 9:2

Hymn: #88 (verse 7)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**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.**

Leader 1: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN #133

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**On this night O God, we confess that we do not want to confess.**

We do not want to examine our hearts before you and admit to the dark places. We want you to warm us in candlelight and carols. We desire soft light tonight; not the blinding shining of your glory that terrified the shepherds. We cannot stand in that light.

**God among us, forgive us. Help us hear your angel saying, "Do not be afraid." Flood our hearts with the light that drives out all our darkneses. Straighten our backs and loose our timid tongues that we too might sing your praises and accept your forgiveness and mercy. Hear us now as we pray in silence, for we pray in Jesus' name.**

## TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #147 v. 6

*"The First Nowell"*

**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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell  
Born is the King of Israel.**

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Patrick McElwaine

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

## ANTHEM

*"Christmas is Coming?"*

Raney

## EPISTLE LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

## HYMN #122

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

## \*HYMN #113

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

## HOMILY

William Hoyle

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all**

