

A Christmas Reflection Rev. DuVall

The Passing of the Christmas Light "Silent Night, Holy Night"

(During the candle lighting, one member of the family group will be responsible for passing the light to the rest of the family.)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
'Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Musical Interlude

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.

Musical Interlude

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.

A Time for Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Benediction "Immanuel"



Im - ma - nu - el, our God is with us, and if God is
with us who could stand a- gainst us? Our God is with us Im- ma - nu - el!

(Please return candles to receptacles on both ends of Fourth Avenue as you depart.)

Postlude Brass Quartet

*Trumpet: Michael Hurt, Charles Calloway
Trombone: Crystal Hurt, Howard Hubler
Keith A. Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship*

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Carols by Candlelight

A Christmas Eve Service

*From the front steps of
First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia*

December 24, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Welcome to our Christmas Eve service!
Remember, to keep us all as safe as possible:

- Masks that cover your mouth and nose are **required at all times.**
- Families should **stay in groups** and remain **socially distant** (six feet) from others.
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Preservice Music Brass Quartet

Welcome to Worship Matt DuVall, *Pastor*

Lighting the Christ Candle Gabe, Erin, Finn, Ava and Hudson Hall

Pastor: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises from God, and all of them displayed in the one we light tonight: the Christ candle.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

Pastor: He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: He is also called Immanuel, for in Him God is with us. Amen!

Carol of Praise "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.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

The Christmas Story in Word and Song

Solo Frank Murphy

"O, Holy Night" ... Adolphe Adam

The Preparation for the Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-5

John Uldrick, Minister of Students and Missions

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. ² (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

⁵ To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight.

Jesus Is Born Luke 2:6-7

Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

⁶ And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Carol "Away In a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay. The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Jesus' Birth Is Announced to the Shepherds Luke 2:8-14

Tamara Tillman Smathers, Minister of Education/Administration

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:

peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;

with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

The Shepherds Find Baby Jesus Luke 2:15-20

Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass,

which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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.

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

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord

Who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.