

Recessional Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn 239

The congregation is invited to lift your candlelight on the last verse of Silent Night as a sign of thanks for the Birth of Our Savior, Christ the Lord.

◆ Dismissal with Blessing

Rev. Joe Lusk

◆ The congregation is invited to stand.

In the tradition of a Candlelight Service we will be using real candles. Thank you for handling these candles with care in our Sanctuary. Children are being provided with battery operated candle light.

A nursery is provided for infants through 5 years old on the bottom floor of the Asbury Building.
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We welcome all visitors and encourage everyone to please sign the attendance pad on your pew.
We also would like to invite anyone who has a desire to join our church to please indicate so on the attendance pad or contact one of the ministers in the church office, 279-7525.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 26
 8:30 AM **Gathering Service**, Larry Hall, Lay Servant
 8:45 AM **LifeSong Service**, Rev. Randall Haase
 11:00 AM **Traditional Service**, Rev. Randall Haase
 (No afternoon/evening Children or Youth activities, Dec. 26.)

January 2: "The Lighthouse"

January 9
Sermon Series: "God of All Creation"
 11:00 AM **Traditional Service**, Installation of Officers

We hope we will end the year well financially and be able to pay our APPORTIONMENTS. We are at 50% paid presently and have budgeted 75% for 2021.

Among those Apportionments yet unpaid for 2021 are Conference Benevolences \$6,000, District Superintendent Compensation \$3,000, World Service \$5,616, Spartanburg Methodist Outreach \$1530, Campus Ministries Outreach \$1,612, Camps and Retreats \$794, Methodist Homes Resident Assistance \$985 and Africa University \$202 and others. At the end of the year, Finance will calculate a final payment toward apportionments, but If you desire pay toward one or more of the above as a mission payment, please signify of which appointment you want your money designated and send it in before December 31st.

Thank you for your generosity, Rev. Thomas Wilkes, Sr. Pastor of Grace UMC



POINSETTIAS

(List are in the Narthex)

Please note: if you ordered a poinsettia in memory or were given a poinsettia in your honor, you may take your Poinsettia tonight or on Dec. 26.



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Celebrating Worship at Grace



December 24, 2021

"To Know Christ and Make His Love Known"

Celebration of Worship

Christmas Eve Holy Communion and Candlelight Service

Acolytes: Avery Ethun, Melanie Ball ***Crucifer:*** Catherine Newman

Welcome & Prayer		Rev. Tommy Wilkes
Prelude		Christopher Leysath, organ
◆ Chiming of the Trinity (<i>Please stand when chiming begins</i>)		
◆ Processional	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Hymn 234
Threshold Moment		
Anthem	<i>Good Christians All, Rejoice!</i> arr. Alan Ballard	Chancel Choir & Scott Davis, percussion
Special Music	<i>O, Holy Night</i> By Adolph Adam	Johnnie Felder, tenor & Marshall Robinson, vibraphone
Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Hymn 240
Scripture	John 1: 1-14	Rev. Tommy Wilkes
Message	“Christmas Reception”	Rev. Tommy Wilkes
	<u>A Service of Word and Table</u>	
Invitation		Hymnal pgs. 12 & 13
Confession and Pardon		
Passing of the Peace		
Service of Giving		Rev. Tommy Wilkes
Offertory	<i>Comfort Ye, and Every Valley Shall Be Exalted</i> By G.F. Handel	Johnnie Felder, tenor
◆ Advent Doxology:	<i>To the tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;	
	Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost	
	Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.	
The Great Thanksgiving		
Giving the Bread and Cup		Rev. Tommy Wilkes & Rev. Randall Haase

Communion Hymns:

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

4 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.



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 heavens looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my side until morning is nigh.



In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.



The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels 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.

(Refrain) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light and so it continued both day and night.

(Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest o'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both Pause and stay right o'er the place where Jesus lay.

(Refrain)