

Celebration of Communion

Spreading the Light of the Christ Candle

Benediction

Postlude

“Silent Night”

See Below

“Silent Night”

Band

Triune Mercy Center

Greenville, South Carolina

December 24, 2023

You are God’s child, and you are welcome in this place.

239 Silent Night, Holy Night

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li-ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star,

all is bright round yon vir - gin moth-er and child.
ein - sam wacht nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar,
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far,
 love’s pure light; ra - dant beams from thy ho-ly face
 lend thy light; with the an - gels let us sing,



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Worship – 11:00 am
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Associate Pastor: Amanda Taylor

Music Director/Guitar: Charles Hedgepath
Bass: Sam Krueer

Piano/Organ: Andy Welchel
Vocals: Bronwyn White

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December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH #196

Call to Worship

We light candles this evening;

Candles of joy despite all sadness,

Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,

Candles of courage for fears ever present,

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,

Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,

Candles of love to inspire all my living,

Candles that will burn all the year long.

Darkness cannot overcome light. Shine.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*"What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart."*

Meditation "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have come to live among us, yet we fail time and again to see you in the faces of our neighbors. We look to ourselves instead of those in need. We seek the shallow comforts of things we can buy instead of the deep and lasting comfort of your presence. Forgive our stubborn refusal to see, and open our eyes to the joy and wonder of your incarnation. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. The God of boundless grace forgives us all of our sins, renewing our spirits for the sake of Immanuel, God with us. Amen.

Scripture Luke 2: 1-14

Sermon Amanda Taylor

Offertory "O Holy Night"

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has come to us as a little child,
making our weakness his strength,
securing our salvation by becoming one of us,
blessing us with with a steadfast savior,
filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.**

**We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world,
giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts,
making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority,
declaring an everlasting reign of peace,
defeating the power of pain and suffering.**

**We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love,
inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table,
transforming us as disciples to go out into the world,
sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort,
challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.**

This we believe.

This we seek to embody in word and deed.