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# Christmas Eve Worship

**December 24, 2025**  
7:00pm & 11:00pm Services

**NEWNAN FIRST**  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP



GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the hush and the holy joy of this night.  
**The Light of the world is born among us.**  
Come, let your heart make room for Jesus.  
**Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth. AMEN.**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**                      “A Rose has Sprung Up”                      Johannes Brahms

**†OPENING HYMN**                      “Joy to the World”                      No. 246  
Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let Earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room, and Heav’n and nature sing,  
and Heav’n and nature sing, and Heav’n, and Heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**                      (7:00pm)  
Youth Alumni (11:00pm)

**ADVENT RESPONSE**                      “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv.6                      No. 211  
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

**GIVING OF GOD’S TITHE & OUR OFFERINGS**                      Murphy-Harpst Children’s Home

**OFFERTORY**                      “O Come all Ye Faithful”                      Jeanne Demessieux

**†DOXOLOGY**                      “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      No. 94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      Isaiah 9:2-7

**ANTHEM (7:00PM)**                      “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”                      arr. Marianne Forman  
Chancel Choir  
Felix Farrar, violin

**ANTHEM (11:00PM)**                      “Welcome to Our World”                      Chris Rice  
Abby and Katie Beth Williams, voice  
Dr. Dawn McCord, piano

**†GOSPEL LESSON**                      Luke 2:1-20

**MESSAGE**                      Rev. Andrew Chappell (7:00pm)  
Rev. Connor Bell (11:00pm)

**ANTHEM (7:00PM)**                      “Baby Son”                      John Mark McMillan  
Rev. Connor Bell

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Please sing the following hymns during Communion:*

**“What Child Is This?”**  
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?

*Refrain*  
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

*Refrain*  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

*Refrain*  
**“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 cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

**“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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav’n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

**CANDLELIGHT HYMN**                      “Silent Night, Holy Night”                      No. 239  
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.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing, “Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!”

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!

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!”

**BENEDICTION**  
*Depart in Silence*



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Readings from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke paired with poetry from the book *Twas the Evening of Christmas*, written by Glenys Nellist and illustrated by Elena Selivanova. Text copyright © 2017 by Glenys Nellist. Illustration copyright © 2017 by Elena Selivanova. Used by permission of HarperCollins Christian Publishing. [www.harpercollinschristian.com](http://www.harpercollinschristian.com)

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***Nativity headpieces are available in the Narthex, and at the front entrance to the sanctuary so that children may join the nativity pageant as one of the nativity characters.***

***They will be called forward at various times in the story for their part in the nativity pageant. Please prepare them by explaining that all they need to do is come forward and sit in the area they are shown for their character. They will hear the rest of the story from their spot up front.***

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<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b> We wait and watch for God. <b>Christ is born this night!</b> Come be our Hope and our Peace, O God! <b>Christ is born this night!</b> Come be our Joy and our Love, O God! <b>Christ is born this night! AMEN!</b>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“O Come, All Ye Faithful” O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come yet 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!	No. 234	
	Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!		
<b>LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE</b>		The Powell Family	
<b>THE CHRISTMAS STORY</b>			
<b>PREPARING THE STABLE</b>		Luke 2:1-5	
<i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanzas 1 &amp; 2</i>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” <i>As we sing together, Joseph and Mary will find their place in the stable.</i>		
	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.		
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<b>JESUS IS BORN</b>		Luke 2:6-7	
<i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanzas 3 &amp; 4</i>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“The Friendly Beasts” <i>Children wearing “donkey” and “cow” headbands may come forward when the music begins.</i>	vv. 1, 3, 4	
	Jesus, our brother, strong and good, Was humbly born in a stable rude, And the friendly beasts around him stood, Jesus, our brother, strong and good.		
	“I,” said the cow, all white and red, “I gave him my manger for his bed; I gave him my hay to pillow his head; I,” said the cow, all white and red.		
	“I,” said the sheep with the curly horn, “I gave him my wool for a blanket warm; He wore my coat on Christmas morn; I,” said the sheep with the curly horn.		
<b>CREATION REJOICES</b> <i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanzas 5 &amp; 6</i>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“Away in a Manger” Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.		
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS</b>		Luke 2:8-14	
<i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanzas 7 &amp; 8</i>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“Angels We Have Heard on High” <i>Children wearing “angel” headbands may come forward when the music begins.</i>		
	Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo. Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.		
	Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song. Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo. Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.		
<b>ADORATION AT THE MANGER</b>		Luke 2:15-18	
<i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanza 9</i>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“The First Noel” <i>Children wearing “shepherd” headcoverings and “sheep” headbands may come forward when the music begins.</i>		
	The first Noel 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. 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 thee earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.		
<b>VISITORS FROM AFAR</b>		Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	
<i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanzas 10 &amp; 11</i>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“The First Noel” <i>Children wearing “magi” crowns and “camel” headbands may come forward when the music begins.</i>		
	And by the light of that same star three sages came from country far; to seek for a king was there intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.		
	Then entered in those magi three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.		
<b>THE JOY OF A GOOD NIGHT’S SLEEP</b> <i>‘Twas the Evening of Christmas, Stanzas 12 &amp; 13</i>			
<b>CHILDREN’S PRAYER</b>			
<b>CAROL</b>	“Joy To The World” <i>All children may return to sit with their families.</i>		
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<b>†BENEDICTION</b>			
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