

McFARLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE  
DECEMBER 24, 2022 4:00 P.M.

THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD  
THIRD LESSON: LUKE 2:1-7  
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
**to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.**  
(Luke 2:10)

\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

**O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season  
when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day  
and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us.  
Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old.  
Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*CAROL No. 234

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (v. 1-3, 6)

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A COMING KING  
FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

CAROL No. 196

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

THE COMING OF CHRIST  
SECOND LESSON: LUKE 1:26-35, 38  
RESPONSIVE READING NO. 199: CANTICLE OF MARY

SPECIAL MUSIC

TODA LA TIERRA

CAROL No. 217

AWAY IN A MANGER

THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS  
FOURTH LESSON: LUKE 2:8-16

CAROL No. 245

THE FIRST NOEL (STANZAS 1-2)

THE WISE MEN  
FIFTH LESSON: MATTHEW 2:1-11

CAROL No. 245

THE FIRST NOEL (STANZAS 3-5)

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION  
SIXTH LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14

CAROL No. 218

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

MEDITATION:

“A GREAT LIGHT”

REV. WAYNE COOK

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING CHRIST’S HOLY MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SHARING THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

*In our tradition, everyone who is present is welcome to share in the table of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You will come forward to receive the bread and juice. If you cannot come forward, alert an usher and the elements will be brought to you.*

\*SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND LIGHTING OUR INDIVIDUAL CANDLES

\*CAROL

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT



**McFarland United Methodist Church**  
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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, shepherd's quake, at the sight;  
 Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly 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!

\*EXTINGUISHING OUR CANDLES AND THE BENEDICTION

May the Christ who by his Incarnation  
 gathered into One things earthly and heavenly,  
 fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill;  
 And the blessing of God Almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**  
 Go forth in peace and joy. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Thank you for joining us on this special night. On Christmas morning we will worship together at 11:00 AM with Carols by Request. We hope that you can join us.

Tonight's Special Offering will go to support the YMCA of North Georgia's Backpack Blessings Program to feed hungry Walker County students outside of school hours. Thank you for your support. Please leave your offering in the offering box in the Narthex.



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