

On the night in which darkness thought it had won, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, through this meal, the light still shines for us today, and we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the light of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

\*Passing the Light

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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,  
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.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude (5pm)  
(7pm)

*Joy to the World*

*Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella* - arr., Christopher Uehlein

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**\* The congregation stands**

**Acolytes/Crucifer:**

5pm- Mary Margaret Ackerman, Will and Wade Keyserling

7pm- Madison and MacKenzie Berbigler

**Ushers:**

5pm- Allen Farley, John Perry, JP Perry, Cliff Wimberly

7pm- Perrin Babb, Mike Bobbitt, Chip Floyd, David Gisch

**Choir Director:** Bobby Blanton

**Musician (5pm):** Woody Rogers    **Organist (7pm):** Gary Rakestraw

**Pastors:** Rev. Bryson Williams, Rev. Terry Pfeiffer

# *Come Let Us Adore Him*



Carteret Street United Methodist Church

Beaufort, South Carolina

December 24, 2022

5:00pm and 7:00pm

December 24, 2022

Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Eve Services

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

Hymnal 881

Prelude (5pm)  
(7pm)

Procession of Cross and Light  
Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle

*5pm: Ashley, Diane and Nathan Peeples 7pm: Jim, Denise, Madison and Mackenzie Berbigler*

\*In The Beginning

\*Opening Litany

*Psalm 98:1-6*

*John 1:1-5*

Hymnal 818

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.  
God's right hand and holy arm have gotten him victory.

**The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the Lord!**

\*Hymn

*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 wondering 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 given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

*Away in a Manger*

*O Christ-Child Sweet - arr., Ellen Jane Lorenz*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Offering

*Tonight's offering will support UMCOR and Epworth.*

Special Music (5pm)

Special Music (7pm)

Old Testament Reading

Prayer for Christmas Eve

\*The Christmas Story from Luke

Christmas Meditation

*O Holy Night  
O Holy Night*

Woody Rogers  
K. Leigh Campbell  
*Isaiah 52:7-10*  
Rev. Terry Pfeiffer  
*Luke 2:1-20*  
Rev. Bryson Williams

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God, in the sending of your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary, your Word became flesh, and we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. His name is above every name, the Prince of Peace and Savior of all. In him we have been brought out of darkness and led into your marvelous light

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Just as Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem, shining as the light of the world. In Jerusalem, Christ found darkness; and though it tried, the darkness could not extinguish the light.