

# Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service

December 24, 2017

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

**Christmas Eve**

**Liturgical Color: White**

The Prelude (5:00) Special Christmas Music CHS Brass  
The Prelude (11:00) Bob Dowd, Jason & Cheri King, Tommy & Meg Wilkes

Welcome and Prayer

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome tonight to a celebration like no other!

**People: This is the night of the Holy Birth!**

Leader: Let the love of Jesus be born in your hearts and spirits!

**People: Open our hearts to receive this blessed gift, Loving God.**

Leader: Rejoice, good friends, the Good News is here!

**People: Christ our Savior is Born! Hallelujah! AMEN.**

\* Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH # 230

Time with the Children (5:00pm only)

*(All children under 12 years are invited to the front. Afterwards, during second service only, children ages 3 thru kindergarten are invited to children's church and will be escorted to room #113. Parents may pick them up there after the service.)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*We light this candle to represent the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Time of Remembrance and Prayer

Anthem (5:00pm) "Holy Night, Silent Night" The Chancel Choir  
Soloists: Lydia Wilkes, Bob Dowd

Offertory (5:00) "Ave Maria" Christian Beamguard  
Offertory (11:00) Zoe Dubiski, Katie Bono & Jason King

**Christmas Offering \*Missional Emphasis: "Wesley Fellowship @ Winthrop"**

\*The Doxology "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. Amen" UMH # 95

\*Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH # 218

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7 # 593

\*Affirmation of Faith (5:00) The Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

***"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."***

\*Gloria Patri (5:00)

***"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."***

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 1: 18-25 #835

Sermon "With Us" Rev. Wilkes

Sacrament of Holy Communion responses on UMH # 13

\*Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" UMH # 239  
(11pm will conclude outside, weather permitting)

Sharing the Christmas Light

As we sing Silent Night, Holy Night we will light our candles as a symbol of the light of Jesus shining in the darkness of life. The minister shall use the Christ candle to pass the light on to the ushers who will then pass the light to you from the center aisle. Remember to supervise your children as you pass the light.

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

*\*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able*

## Those Who Serve:

	<u>5:00 pm Service</u>	<u>11:00 pm Service</u>
Acolytes:	Andrea Hughes, Raelyn Abernathy	Katie Wise, Tyler Wise
Crucifer:	Alan Abernathy	Dee Wise
Greeters:	Linda & Bobby Abernathy	Jeannette Stabler
Ushers:	Alan Abernathy, Dick James	Tim Lyda, Eddie Sherwood
Communion:	David & Starr Wray Renee & Tim Gallien Billy Gallien, Todd Hughes	Ron Eaddy Todd Blanton Tim Lyda

CHS Brass: Michael D'Agostino, Courtney Loftis, Wyatt Park, Matthew Kinnerson.

*\*Up to \$ 300 has been approved to go towards Wesley Fellowship Campus Ministry at Winthrop from tonight's offering. The remainder will go towards General Budget as we also hope to meet expenses for 2017. Note: We have only one more Sunday after this offering to catch up our Missional Support through Apportionment Giving. Thanks for your generosity to Christ's Church at FUMC, Clover.*