

# Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024, 9:00 PM

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Prelude**

**Angel Tidings**

arr. Sandra Eithun

Chapel Bells

**Welcome**

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath - The Christ Candle**

Leader: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?  
Where do we start?

**People: Let us begin with hope.**  
**Let us begin with peace.**  
**Let us begin with joy.**  
**Let us begin with love.**

Leader: Yes, let us begin with love, for surely love knows your name.  
Tonight, in addition to the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,  
we light the Christ Candle.  
For surely God is in this place.  
Surely the Spirit is near.  
Surely love knows our name.

**People: May we rest in that good news.**  
**Unto us a child is born.**  
**A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.**  
**Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Verses 1-3, 5, 6

## **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Loving Christ,  
When the shepherds heard that you were born,  
they dropped their things and ran.  
They trusted the angels' invitation.  
They believed that your love existed for them.

**People:** We wish that we were more like that.  
Instead, somewhere between the angels' song and the manger,  
we tend to lose our way.  
We doubt ourselves. We doubt the invitation.  
We doubt that love could know our names.

Leader: Remind us that your love is personal and specific.

**People:** Remind us that the good news of this day is for us.  
With hope we sing, we pray, and we run. Amen.

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Family of faith, the angels are singing: unto you a child is born.  
It is a love that is personal. It is a love that knows your name.  
So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:  
You are seen. You are claimed. You are forgiven. You are loved.

**People:** Glory to God in the highest heaven!  
Glory to God here and now.  
Alleluia! Amen.

### **Anthem**

#### **Hallelu**

Stephen Paulus

Chancel Choir

### **Scripture**

#### **Luke 2:1-20**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

#### **Words for the Beginning: Love Knows Your Name**

Rev. Wines

### **Anthem**

#### **O Magnum Mysterium**

Evan Ramos

Chancel Choir

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament that  
the animals should see the newborn Christ lying in the manger.

### **Prayer of the People**

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

### **Offering**

*You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.  
You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website  
and click "Make your online offering."*

**Communion Anthem**

**Still, Still, Still**

arr. Cathy Mokolbust

Fran Underwood, bell tree; Annelisa Crabtree, piano

**Sharing the Light of Christ**

Rev. Wines

**Carol**

**Silent Night, Holy Night**

**Silent Prayer**

**Carol**

**Joy to the World**

**Benediction**

Rev. Wines

**Postlude**

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Greeters: Jennifer Owen, Jim Turpin

Communion Steward: Susan Prokop

Organist: Annelisa Crabtree

Usher: Kelsey White

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**