

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2021 at 5:00 pm
West Bend UMC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Carol of the Bells Handbells
O Come O Come Emmanuel

MUSICAL SPECIAL Mary Wrapped a Present Carol Petty

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE Who Is He In Yonder Stall UMH 190

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Angels From The Realms of Glory UMH 220

*A CHRISTMAS PRAYER In Unison
Heavenly Father, thank you for this time of celebration tonight and all it represents. Thank you for the goodness you pour out on us year round. Tonight we especially praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. May he light our way just like the star lit the way for the wise men and be born anew in our hearts tonight through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MUSICAL SPECIAL O Holy Night Ginny Lewis & Chuck Welch

CHRISTMAS EVE LITANY (based on Luke 2)

Leader: This is what happened the night that Jesus our Savior was born. Mary and Joseph who were pledged to be married were on their way to Bethlehem to take place in the census.

People: And Mary who was a virgin had conceived this child of the Holy Spirit whose time it was to be born. Yet there was no room for them in the crowded inn's in Bethlehem.

Leader: With nowhere else to stay, they found shelter in a stable and there Mary gave birth to a son, the Son of God. She wrapped him in the swaddling cloths that newborn lambs would be wrapped in by their shepherds. Then she laid him in the manger or the feeding trough like a crib.

People: This birth may have been overlooked by the people in Bethlehem, but the angels of heaven were rejoicing that God's eternal plan for the salvation of people was underway. The angels could not contain themselves and they revealed themselves and a message to of all people, some shepherds way out in the fields with their sheep.

Leader: The shepherds were terrified at seeing the angels. The angels told the shepherds to not be afraid. Their message was of Good News that people needed to know. The Savior has been born. He is the long awaited Messiah, the Lord. He has been born to you! Go see him now.

People: And with that, the shepherds went to see him while the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill to all who will accept God's favor."

Leader: The angels sang at the birth of the Savior. The shepherds rejoiced to be included in God's plan of salvation. Mary and Joseph treasured in their hearts what God was doing through them and all around them.

Tonight let us sing and rejoice and treasure the fact that Jesus has come. He is our Savior, Emmanuel, God with us now and forever more. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN Away in a Manger UMH 217

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned... 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

John 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

MUSICAL SPECIAL Light of the World Kerri Beth Frazier

MESSAGE Rev. Kari L. Howard
No More Walking in the Dark
Series: Why He Came

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

{During the Lord's Supper, the ushers will guide you when it is time to receive the communion elements. When you come forward, you will be given a piece of bread and then may receive a cup at the altar table. Once you receive communion, you may return to your seat or you may kneel or stand at the altar area for a time of personal prayer.}

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER In Unison
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP
HANDBELL MUSIC (during communion)

*Silent Night, The First Noel,
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Joy To The World*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION In Unison
Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for your constant love for us. From before time began your plan was for relationship with us. Jesus, we thank you for making possible the way to the Father. We honor you through this time of communion. Holy Spirit, come into us and lead us to live more like Christ in the days ahead. As Jesus is the light of the world help us to shine his light now and into the future. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

{As we begin to sing, ushers will light the candle of the first person on each row. Those people will then take their candles and light the candle of the person next to them, who will do the same until all the candles are lit. On the final stanza of Silent Night, Holy Night, you are invited to hold your candle up high. After the service, you may place your candle in the box as you leave.}

*CONGREGATIONAL SONG Silent Night, Holy Night UMH 239

1. 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.
2. 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!
3. 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.
4. 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

Worship Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

Congregation: On those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Worship Leader: For unto us a child is born, a son is given! He is the Light of the world.

Congregation: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us.

All: And having seen his glory, we live to share his glory forever. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL Joy To The World UMH 246, vs. 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Please place your offerings in the offerings and tithes box on your way out. Thank you.

Message Notes:

Prayer List

Our Church Family

Bruce Burrow Susann Camp
Thurman Coltrane Harry Cooper
Jane Cox Peggy Foust
Paul Foust Harold Hill
Liz Johnson Dave McGowan
Lovier Stephens Betty Sykes

Our Family & Friends

Lynn Cash (Pastor Kari's friend)
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)
Elaine Freeman (Donna Robbins' mother)
Vicki Freeman (Horace Lewallen's daughter)
Sig McCain (Kerri Beth's grandmother)
Bo Starr & his daughter, Rhonda (Lora Hill's uncle and family)
Roger Sykes (Betty Sykes' son)
Angie Toomes (Dare Campbell's daughter)

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*-Church Member

Alpine

*Juanita Porche

Clapp's

Coline Blake (Debbie Kinney's mother)

*Daffie Branson

Cross Roads

Marie Caldwell (Carol Petty's sister)

Christian Sympathy to

- Liz Fair's family
- Lib Howell's family
- Sue Voncannon's family
- Toni Welch in the death of her brother, Bennie Todd Asbill and her mother, Margie Asbill

Our Military

Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Other

Revival

Students

Those with Covid and other sickness

Please pray for Pastor Kari and her husband, J.F., as they are on a study break until January 5.

Prayer requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.



The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deut 14:23

Tithes and Offerings Update

Offering Needed Each Week: \$2,529.20

Budget Offering Received 12/19: \$2,898,82

You can give in person or by mail to P.O. Box 1845, Asheboro, NC 27204 or by PayPal Link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&hosted_button_id=GEAUNSMH5HM9L&source=url

The ministry of the church is ongoing. Thank you for your generosity.

Special Offerings Update
Received 12/19/2021

Tornado Relief Offering: \$1,100.00
Samson Oladipupo: \$300.00
TOG Offering: \$100.00

These funds have already been forwarded to the recipients. Thank you for your gifts!

Thank You Notes

THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for your gracious love offering. It was so thoughtful and kind of you. Thank you for all of your hard work this year to keep West Bend being the church. I'm praying for a happy New Year for you all and the whole church. God bless you all!
Pastor Kari

Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Blessings Always,
Debra Y. Rogers

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Bill Nance, Bill & Norva Paisley by
Billie Nance

In Memory of Bill Lassiter by
Bill & Linda Burrow

In Memory of Sue Voncannon by
Bill & Linda Burrow

In Memory of Lib Howell by
Bill & Linda Burrow
William & Judy Garner
Veda Howell, Eddie Howell, & Betty H. Watson

In Memory of Marion Auman by
Bill & Linda Burrow
Debra Y. Rogers

In Memory of Clarence Davis by
Bill & Linda Burrow
Doug & Colleen Davis
Debra Y. Rogers



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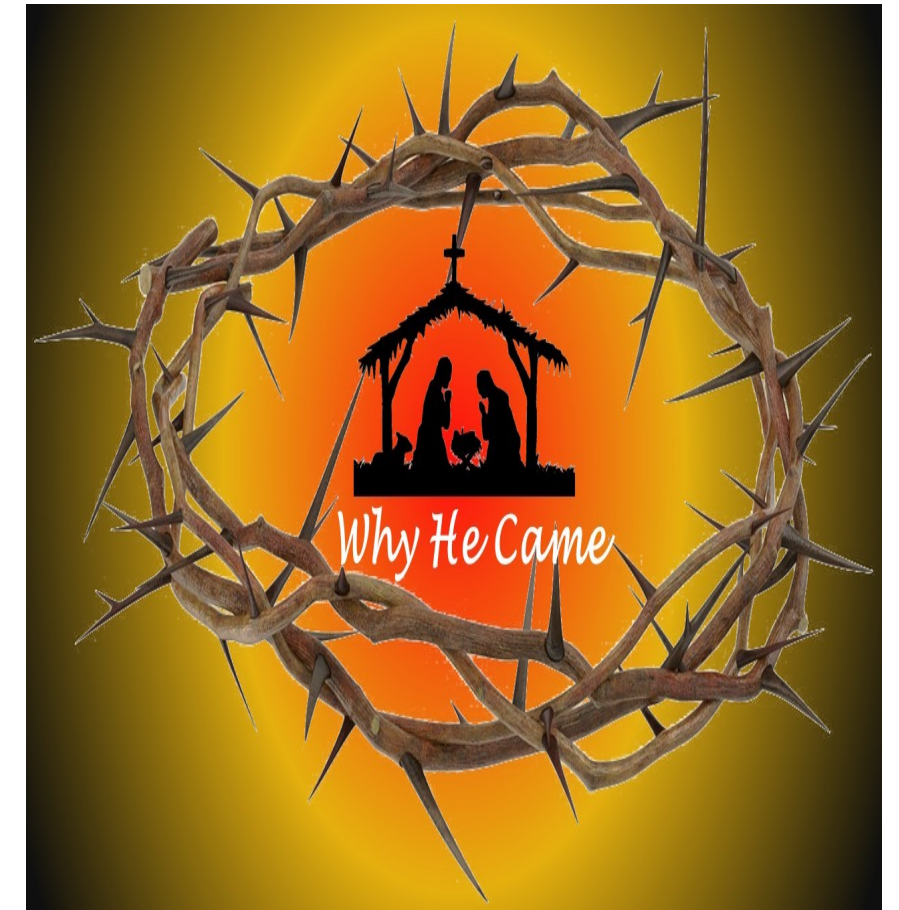
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We want to welcome you to our worship service!

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the Connection Cards which the ushers will hand you. Completed cards may be placed in the tithes and offerings box.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card which is on the other side of the Connection Cards and place in the tithes and offerings box. Extra cards are beside the box.

Church Calendar
Friday, December 24
Church Office Closed
5 PM Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 25
Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 26
10 AM Worship

Monday, December 27
Church Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, December 28
TOG Closed for Holiday
Church Office Closed for Holiday

Wednesday, December 29
Church Office Closed for Holiday

Thursday, December 30
Church Office Open

Friday, December 31
Church Office Open

TOG will be closed Dec. 28 & Jan. 4.

TABLE OF GRACE

West Bend Church
Delivering Grace on Wheels
& Delicious Meals

125 meals were sent last week.