



• **Tonight** we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are welcome at the table.

• **The church office** will be closed, December 24-January 1 while Robb Lapp and Cheryl Brinkley are on vacation. Church office will be open Thursday, January 2. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910) 284-2813 in an emergency.

• **Schedule for Sunday, December 29:**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols

• **Church Treasurer** Wayne Casteen will make the final 2024 deposit on Tuesday, December 31. Contributions must be deposited by that date to be credited to your 2024 giving statement. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving!



**WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service*

December 24, 2024

7:00 O'clock P.M.

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Welcome

Elder Curt Simpson

Prelude

**“The Sussex Carol with Gesu Bambino”** *arr. Mary McDonald*  
*On Christmas night, all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.*  
*News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.*

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle- Jimmy, Marney, Eli, Charlotte, and Maggie Crayton

**“Wait for the Lord”**

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.*  
*Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*  
 (“Wait for the Lord,” Glory to God, #90)

\*Hymn #133

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

ADESTE FIDELES

\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robert Lapp

**Loving God, on this holy night make room in our hearts to welcome the Christ child. May the stillness of your peace wash over us. May we encounter hope born anew. We are here, waiting for you, ready to receive your gift of love. Be with us now, as we come and adore the newborn king. May the gift of your love cast out all fears so that we may rejoice in your power to save. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon (*Isaiah 62:11-12*)

*Hear the promise of the Lord:*  
**See your salvation has come!**  
*You are a holy people, redeemed by God;*  
**sought and not forsaken.**  
*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*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.**

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination (*Unison*)

Elder Curt Simpson

**Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made  
flesh - good news of great joy for all - so that we may sing with the angels: glory  
in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

**“A Holy, Silent Night”**

arr. Lloyd Larson

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!  
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.  
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia, 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.  
‘Twas a holy, silent night.*

The Christmas Story

Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold— *Isaiah 9:2,6-7*

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

arr. Raney

Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson

The birth of Jesus— *Luke 2:1-7*

Carol No. 115 (*verses 1 & 2*) **“Away in a Manger”**

The shepherds and the angels— *Luke 2:8-20*

Carol No. 119 **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

The visit of the magi— *Matthew 2:1-11*

**“We Three Kings of Orient Are”**

arr. Raney

Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson

Sermon

**“Home for Christmas”**

Rev. Robert Lapp

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*Hymn of Preparation #134

**“Joy to the World”**

ANTIOCH

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Thanksgiving with the Lord’s Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Communion Music

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Sharing the Light of Christ

\*Hymn #122

**“Silent Night, Holy Night!”**

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

